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San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PETALUMA RIVER AND SONOMA CREEK LEVEE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will accept written comments on the Tentative Order for issuing Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for the Petaluma River and Sonoma Creek Levee Maintenance Program (Program) administered by the Sonoma Resource Conservation District (SRCD) in Sonoma County.

The Tentative Order applies to landowners enrolled in the SRCD's Program in the diked baylands of the Sonoma Creek and Petaluma River watersheds for levee maintenance and emergency levee repair activities, conducted pursuant to the Maintenance Manual (Manual).

The Tentative Order is available for review at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.html. Developments on this matter will be posted there.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Tentative Order are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 pm on April 15, 2022**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the Water Board determines otherwise. Submit comments to Nicole Fairley by email to Nicole.Fairley@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments submitted by email must not exceed 15 megabytes. Comments can also be sent as hard copies to:

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San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 946012

Please indicate in the subject line: "**Comment Letter – SRCD Levee Maintenance Tentative Order**"

PUBLIC HEARING. The Board will consider adopting the Tentative Order during a meeting to commence at **9:00 am on May 11, 2022**. Interested persons are invited to express their views at this hearing.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 23 section 2050(c), any party who challenges the Board's action through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues that were raised before the Board at the hearing or in timely submitted correspondence.

Please direct questions about this notice to Nicole Fairley at Nicole.Fairley@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date: March 16, 2022

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