

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT: Samuel Plummer  
MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

**ITEM: 4B**

**City of Pinole, Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Pinole, Contra Costa County – Reissuance of NPDES permit**

**DISCUSSION:**

This Tentative Order (Appendix A) would reissue the NPDES permit for the City of Pinole's wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The plant provides secondary treatment of domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater for about 45,000 people in Pinole and Hercules. The plant discharges an average of 2.7 million gallons per day of treated wastewater through a deepwater outfall to San Pablo Bay that it shares with the Rodeo Sanitary District.

The Tentative Order would continue to allow the city to discharge secondary treated wastewater to San Pablo Bay, while updating requirements to reflect recent regulatory changes. The most significant difference between the Tentative Order and the previous order is that it would include new toxicity requirements based on the State Water Board's *State Policy for Water Quality Control: Toxicity Provisions*, which U.S. EPA approved on May 1, 2023.

We circulated the Tentative Order for public review and did not receive any comments. We expect this item to remain uncontested.

**APPENDIX:**

A. Tentative Order

Appendix A  
Tentative Order