

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
RESCISSION OF NPDES PERMIT FOR
PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY (FORMERLY BOTTLING GROUP, LLC),
ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Board staff has prepared a draft order to rescind a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the above discharger.

Pepsi Beverages Company owns and operates the Bottling Group Hayward Plant, which manufactures, bottles, and distributes drinking water and soft drinks using potable water supplied by the City of Hayward. The plant treats the potable water through reverse osmosis prior to sending it into production. Historically, Pepsi Beverages Company discharged the reverse osmosis concentrate to Old Alameda Creek. In March 2019, it began reusing the concentrate to conserve water, routing any excess concentrate to the City of Hayward's sanitary sewer system. Because Pepsi Beverages Company no longer discharges reverse osmosis concentrate to Old Alameda Creek, the draft order would rescind the NPDES permit that allows that discharge.

The deadline for receipt of comments on the draft order is **5:00 p.m. on October 16, 2023**. Persons wishing to file written comments on any aspect of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Debbie Phan** and may be submitted by email to the address listed below.

The Board will consider adopting the draft order during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **November 8, 2023**. 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.

All documents related to the draft order may be inspected at the Board office. The draft order is available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.html.

Comments received, Board staff responses to comments, and other developments on this matter will be posted on the Board meeting agenda a week prior to the hearing and will be available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html.

Contact **Debbie Phan** at (510) 622-2411 or debbie.phan@waterboards.ca.gov if you have questions.