

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice date: August 4, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON

Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Sand Mining in San Francisco Bay, 2027 - 2036

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of three tentative orders containing waste discharge requirements and a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for Martin Marietta Marine Operations (Martin Marietta), Lind Marine Incorporated (Lind), and Suisun Associates (a joint venture of Martin Marietta and Lind) to continue sand mining over the next 10 years from several California State Lands Commission mineral extraction lease areas in Central San Francisco Bay and Suisun Bay, and from a private lease area adjacent to Middle Ground Island in Suisun Bay (Tentative Orders). The Tentative Orders will regulate hydraulic suction dredging to obtain commercial sand that is primarily used for construction activities within the greater San Francisco Bay area and the discharge of overflow (decant water) from the dredging operations.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the public has an opportunity to provide written comments, in accordance with this notice, on the Tentative Orders.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

DATE:	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
TIME:	9 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATIONS:	Elihu M. Harris State Building Main Auditorium 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, California 94612

In addition to a physical meeting location, there will be an option for the public to participate from a remote location. Additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/remote_meeting/index.html.

If you wish only to watch the meeting, the customary webcast remains available at: <https://cal-span.org/>. Please use this link UNLESS you intend to comment.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Tentative Orders are available at the Water Board website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/#Waste

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: All public written comments on the Tentative Orders must be received by the Regional Water Board staff contact **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday September 3, 2026. Late written comments will not be accepted.** Written comments must be sent to the staff contact identified below, preferably by email.

STAFF CONTACT: Jazzy Graham-Davis
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Other documents related to the Tentative Orders are available by emailing the staff contact above or by setting up a file review appointment to inspect them at the Water Board's office.

One week before the public hearing, any revisions to the Tentative Orders and written responses to comments received during the public comment period will be posted on the Board's agenda, which is available on the following website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html

OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS: At the public hearing, the Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the Tentative Orders. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Orders.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648, et seq. To ensure a productive, efficient and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will be limited to three minutes. Participants with similar comments are strongly encouraged to make joint presentations.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant, Julie Haas, at (510) 622-2399 or Julie.Haas@Waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.