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## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

## PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO REFINE THE BENFICIAL USES OF HAYWARD MARSH

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (San Francisco Bay Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) that would refine the beneficial uses of Hayward Marsh and clarify the bacterial water quality objectives that apply to it (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board on September 14, 2011, and is available for review at: <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin\_planning.shtml#Hayward">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin\_planning.shtml#Hayward</a>

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Jan O'Hara at (510) 622-5681.

The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the State Water Board's agendas and meetings may subscribe to the State Water Board's electronic mailing list (under the general topic "Board Meetings") at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\_subscriptions/swrcb\_subscribe.shtml.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by** 12:00 noon on October 28, 2011. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at <u>commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</u> (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

> Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail) 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter— Refinement of Hayward Marsh Beneficial Uses".

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**Requirements for Submitting Comments (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 3779, subd. (f))**. The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

- 1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the San Francisco Bay Water Board.
- If the San Francisco Bay Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the San Francisco Bay Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
- The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the San Francisco Bay Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the San Francisco Bay Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Jan O'Hara, Water Resource Control Engineer at the San Francisco Bay Water Board, at (510) 622-5681or <u>johara@waterboards.ca.gov</u> or to Yuri Won, Senior Staff Counsel at (510) 622-2491 or <u>ywon@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

September 23, 2011

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