

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT -- Martin Musonge
MEETING DATE: July 21, 2004

ITEM: 5C

SUBJECT: EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES -- Update of Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Regional Maintenance Activities

CHRONOLOGY: July 1998 -- Waste Discharge Requirements adopted.

DISCUSSION: The Tentative Order (Appendix A) would issue Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification to the East Bay Regional Park District (District) to conduct minor maintenance activities to provide safe access by the public and to restore and maintain natural resources in at least 65 regional parks located in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. This Order includes implementation of updated best management practices for maintenance projects and mitigation for minor cumulative wetland impacts; and sets a limit of 200 cubic yards for any single dredging activity.

The specific projects covered by this Order occur as a result of stormwater related erosion, channel down-cutting and sedimentation problems resulting from high stream flow events. We expect approximately 30-50 routine maintenance projects covered by this Order would be completed every year. These routine maintenance projects generally fall into the following main categories: construction of stream crossings, removal and replacement of culverts, biotechnical stabilization of creek banks, minor maintenance dredging of ponds, and pond restoration and enhancement.

Comments from the District (Appendix B) were addressed through staff responses (Appendix B) and resulted in some minor changes to the Tentative Order.

RECOMMEN-
DATION: Adoption of Tentative Order

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Appendices: A: Tentative Order
B: Comments Received and Staff Responses