

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Gina Kathuria)
MEETING DATE: November 17, 2004

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: Novato Sanitary District, Marin County - Reissuance of NPDES Permit

CHRONOLOGY: April 2003 – NPDES Permit Amendment
May 1999 – NPDES Permit Reissued

DISCUSSION: The Novato Sanitary District provides advance secondary treatment of wastewater from the primarily residential area of the City of Novato that has a population of about 60,000. The District operates two treatment plants. The Ignacio Treatment Plant has a dry weather design flow of 2 million gallons per day (MGD), and the Novato Treatment Plant has a dry weather design flow of 4 MGD. The effluent from the two treatment plants combine and discharge through a shallow water outfall to the mudflats of San Pablo Bay. The outfall is adjacent to the former Hamilton Air Force Base.

During the dry season, the effluent is discharged to storage ponds for sprinkler irrigation of pasturelands for beef cattle grazing and irrigated hay production.

Staff received comments from the District, and has resolved all their concerns through changes to the Tentative Order distributed for public comment. The attached Tentative Order reflects these changes.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of Tentative Order

File No. 2159.5022

Appendix A: Tentative Order

Appendix B: Comments

Appendix C: Response to Comments