

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Robert Schlipf)  
MEETING DATE: September 13, 2006

ITEM: 10

SUBJECT: **Rodeo Sanitary District, Water Pollution Control Facility, Rodeo, Contra Costa County - Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

CHRONOLOGY: September 2001 - NPDES Permit Reissued

DISCUSSION: Rodeo Sanitary District owns and operates a water pollution control facility in Rodeo that services the Cities of Rodeo and Tormey. The District discharges about 0.7 million gallons per day of secondary treated wastewater to San Pablo Bay via a deepwater diffuser.

The District, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA), U.S. EPA, and San Francisco Baykeeper commented on Board staff's draft permit. We have responded to all comments (Appendix C), and made appropriate changes to the draft permit, all of which are reflected in the attached Revised Tentative Order. We resolved many issues; however, a few remain. The two primary issues were raised by the Baykeeper on compliance schedules and the lack of dioxins limits.

The Baykeeper indicates that the proposed compliance schedule for cyanide is not authorized under the California Toxics Rule or Basin Plan. We disagree. As more fully explained in our response to comments (*Baykeeper comment 3*), the Basin Plan allows compliance schedules of up to ten years. The promulgation of the State Implementation Policy in 2000 resulted in more stringent limits for cyanide. As such, the Water Board is authorized to grant a compliance schedule to meet these more stringent limits.

On the issue of dioxins limits, we cannot calculate an appropriate limit for dioxins because of the preponderance of non-detects in the available data set. The Tentative Order requires additional monitoring to supplement the dataset so that we can re-evaluate this issue in the next permit reissuance.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION: Adoption of the Revised Tentative Order

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- Appendices:
- A. Revised Tentative Order
  - B. Correspondence
  - C. Response to Comments