

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Derek Whitworth)  
MEETING DATE: October 11, 2006

**ITEM**                    **7**

**SUBJECT:**            **City of Pacifica, Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant, Pacifica, San Mateo County - Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

**CHRONOLOGY:**    September 1999 – Permit reissued,  
September 2002 – Permit amended to address new treatment plant

**DISCUSSION:**     The City owns and operates the Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant, along with an extensive sanitary sewage collection system serving all of Pacifica. The Plant discharges tertiary treated effluent to Calera Creek, approximately 0.5 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The area downstream of the discharge is a constructed wetland that is dependent on the Plant's effluent flow. The Board has been a long time supporter of this innovative form of treatment.

We received comments from the City of Pacifica and U.S. EPA on our draft permit. Many of the comments were editorial suggestions or minor corrections. Although Pacifica raised concerns regarding its ability to comply with the proposed limits, we believe it will be able to comply. At its request, however, the Revised Tentative Order (Appendix A) allows the City to study the site-specific properties of certain metals in Calera Creek water before final effluent limits are effective. We believe we have adequately resolved these and U.S. EPA's concerns for this permit.

**RECOMMEN-  
DATION:**            Adoption of the Revised Tentative Order

**FILE NUMBER:**    2179.7022

**APPENDICES:**     A. Revised Tentative Order  
                          B. Comments  
                          C. Response to Comments

# **APPENDIX A: REVISED TENTATIVE ORDER**

## **APPENDIX B: COMMENTS**

## **APPENDIX C: RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**