

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR**

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and
California Department of Fish and Game
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Modification 1 to Phase I**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Discharger) requested that the Water Board amend Order No. R2-2008-0078 to address design changes for the restoration of Ponds A16 and A17. Instead of operating Pond A17 as a managed pond, the Discharger proposes to restore this pond to tidal marsh. The Discharger also proposes to modify how it will operate Pond A16 as a managed pond to improve circulation patterns and maximize habitat value. The Board's staff has prepared a tentative order for this Discharger to address these modifications in accordance with the California Water Quality Control Act.

The Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative order during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date:	9:00 a.m., February 8, 2012
Location:	Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building 1515 Clay Street, Oakland

Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative order or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2012, so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing after that date.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Water Board.

The tentative order, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative order and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Andree Breaux Greenberg at 510-622-2324, or by e-mail at agreenberg@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions on this matter.