

Notice of Decision

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FROM: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT PROPONENT: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

PROJECT TITLE: Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for bacteria at the beaches in Pillar Point Harbor and Venice Beach and to incorporate bacteria objectives into the Basin Plan

LOCATION: San Mateo County. Pillar Point Harbor is located in the unincorporated coastal community of Princeton, north of the City of Half Moon Bay. Venice Beach stretches between Venice Boulevard and Beach Avenue, which intersect with Cabrillo Highway halfway between the City of Half Moon Bay to the south and Pillar Point Harbor to the north. Surface waters, enclosed bays and estuaries of the San Francisco Bay region.

DESCRIPTION: On February 10, 2021, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R2-2021-0002, amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Region (Basin Plan). On July 20, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the amendment under Resolution No. 2021-0026. Office of Administrative Law approved the regulatory action on November 15, 2021.

The Basin Plan amendment establishes a TMDL to reduce discharges of bacteria from controllable sources at the beaches in Pillar Point Harbor and Venice Beach and updates the bacteria water quality objectives for protecting water contact recreation in coastal and non-coastal waters to reflect current state law. The implementation plan relies on

regulatory programs and actions to control bacteria discharges and employs a phased approach to reduce bacteria loads from sanitary sewer collection systems, vessels and amenities in Pillar Point Harbor, and municipal stormwater runoff.

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This is to advise that the State Water Board has made the following determination regarding the project described above:

The project has been: Approved
 Disapproved

Michael Montgomery, Executive Officer
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

12/16/2021
Date

Date received for filing: _____