

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice date: August 29, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON

Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District 2026-2029 Maintenance Dredging Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider: (1) certification of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District (USACE) San Francisco Bay Federal Channels Operation and Maintenance Dredging and Sediment Placement Activities, Dredging Years 2025-2034, final environmental impact report (EIR) and (2) adoption of a tentative order containing waste discharge requirements and a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for the USACE federal navigation channel maintenance dredging program in the San Francisco Bay Area and for disposal and beneficial reuse of dredged material created by these activities for a four-year period (2026–2029) (Tentative Order).

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the public has an opportunity to provide written comments, in accordance with this notice, on: 1) USACE's application for waste discharge requirements and water quality certification to perform federal navigation channel maintenance dredging in the San Francisco Bay Area (Application) and 2) the Tentative Order.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

DATE:	Wednesday, December 10, 2025
TIME:	9 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATIONS:	Elihu M. Harris State Building Main Auditorium 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, California 94612

In addition to a physical meeting location, there will be an option for the public to participate from a remote location. Additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/remote_meeting/index.html.

If you wish only to watch the meeting, the customary webcast remains available at:

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<https://cal-span.org/>. Please use this link UNLESS you intend to comment.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Application and Tentative Order are available at the Water Board website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/#Waste

The Water Board and USACE jointly prepared the final EIR. USACE and the Water Board released the draft EIR and associated documents for public comments on October 31, 2024. The public comment period was extended to December 30, 2024. A total of 11 comment letters were received. The final EIR, including the comment letters and responses to comments (in Appendix H), is available at the link below. The Water Board is not required to and is not accepting written comments on the final EIR.

[Final EIR with all appendixes](#)

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: All public written comments on the Application or Tentative Order must be received by the Regional Water Board staff contact **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday September 29, 2025. Late written comments will not be accepted.** Written comments must be sent to the staff contact identified below, preferably by email.

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Other documents related to the Tentative Order and final EIR are available by emailing the staff contact above or by setting up a file review appointment to inspect them at the Water Board's office.

One week before the public hearing, any revisions to the Tentative Order and written responses to comments received during the public comment period will be posted on the Board's agenda, which is available on the following website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html

OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS: At the public hearing, the Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the Tentative Order and final EIR. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Water Board will consider certification of the final EIR and adoption of the Tentative Order.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648, et seq. To ensure a productive, efficient and fair hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to be heard, oral comments will be limited to three minutes. Participants with similar comments are strongly encouraged to make joint presentations.

Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant, Julie Haas, at (510) 622-2399 or Julie.Haas@Waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.