San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Name: Waste Management Unit Restoration Project, Martinez, CA

Notice: The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) hereby notices its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for closure of waste management units and restoration of wetlands at the Marathon Renewable Fuels Facility (Facility) in Martinez. The Project will close Waste Management Units (WMUs) 10, 11, 14, 31, and 32 in accordance with the Water Board's waste discharge requirements and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrative Order Resource Conservation and Recovery Act 09-89-0013A.

Project Location: The Project is situated within the Facility at 150 Solano Way, located approximately three miles east of the City of Martinez on the southern shore of Suisun Bay. WMUs 10, 11, and 14 are located south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and WMUs 31 and 32 are located to the north of the tracks within the Facility boundaries.

Project Description: The purpose of the Project is to close the existing WMUs and restore wetlands. The WMUs are inactive units created to treat and manage refinery waste. All units formerly consisted of tidal marsh and were created by placing soil and fill to form berms and containment cells. The containment cells were then used as disposal units for solid and/or liquid wastes. Wastes deposited consisted of oily wastes, ranging from asphaltic semi-solids to liquids and sludges, and in the case of WMU 31, also locally generated dredged sediments. After the WMUs became inactive, precipitation caused ponding within the cells, the soil and waste subsided, and the WMUs became overgrown with vegetation.

Closure activities will include excavation and consolidation of waste material and associated soils, treatment of contaminated soils, fill placement, groundwater sampling, and construction of a final cover or cap in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 27 requirements. Wetlands will be restored within WMUs 10, 11, and 31 after clean closure and WMUs 14 and 32 will be capped with CCR Title 27 compliant covers.

Environmental Effects: The Water Board, as the lead State Agency, has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and MND pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15063 and 15071. Potentially significant environmental effects that are addressed in the Draft IS/MND include, but are not limited to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, hazardous materials, noise,

recreation and transportation. All the potential significant environmental effects were found to be avoided or would result in less than significant impacts with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments: The public is hereby invited to submit written comments regarding the environmental findings contained in the IS and MND. An electronic copy of the IS and MND can be obtained by contacting us as noted below.

Written comments should be submitted during the public review period listed below and should be addressed to:

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Comments may also be emailed to Katie Hart at Kathryn.Hart@waterboards.ca.gov.

Public Review Period: October 30 to November 17, 2025