

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Tong Yin)
MEETING DATE: April 20, 2005

ITEM 5B

SUBJECT: Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District
Sonoma, Sonoma County – **Amendment of NPDES Permit**

CHRONOLOGY: March 2002 – Permit reissued

DISCUSSION: The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's (District) wastewater treatment plant has capacity to treat 3.0 million gallons per day. During the wet weather season, the plant's treated wastewater is discharged into Schell Slough, a tributary to Sonoma Creek and the Bay. During the dry weather season, the plant's treated wastewater is not discharged, but reclaimed for agriculture irrigation and wetland enhancement.

The Tentative Order in Appendix A proposes to amend the District's existing permit limit for zinc by applying the new water quality objectives contained in the 2004 Basin Plan amendments. The Tentative Order would also remove the existing permit limit for settleable matter consistent with the 2004 Basin Plan amendments.

As shown in Appendix B, the District raised one comment during the public comment period. No other comments were received. Based on the District's comment and our response (Appendix C), we have made the revision requested, which is reflected in the attached Tentative Order.

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

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APPENDICES:

- A. Tentative Order
- B. Comments Received
- C. Response to Comments