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### SPECIAL BULLETIN

#### **Special Bulletin - Accidental Sewage Discharge**

This Special Bulletin provides information on an accidental release into the Bay of partially treated sewage which occurred this morning off the end of the Tiburon Peninsula. There is no immediate indication of a hazardous condition, but we wanted to provide you with the following information:

This morning at 9:03 AM, the Tiburon Police Department was notified by the Marin County Office of Emergency Services that there was an unauthorized discharge into the Bay of Primary 1 treated sewage (effluent that has been partially treated and contains no solids) from the Sanitary District #5 Treatment Plant. According to the Marin OES Office, approximately 84,375 gallons began to discharge between the hours of 12:15 AM and 7:00 AM this morning approximately 800 feet out into Raccoon Strait. Members of the Police Department responded and contacted the Facilities Manager of the plant. He advised the Town that water samples have been taken to determine the effects of the discharge on the Bay waters. According to his office, there is no immediate threat to human or wildlife health due to the event.

Despite the indication that there is not a health threat, Chief of Police Cronin has directed his staff to post notification signs to the public advising them of the discharge until the test results of the water in the area have been determined.

In addition to the Marin County Office of Emergency Services, Town staff has been in contact with the Tiburon Fire Protection District, the State of California Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Environmental Health regarding this discharge.

If you have any questions regarding this incident, please contact Emergency Services Coordinator Laurie Nilsen at 415-435-7386.

Thank you.

Peggy Curran

Town Manager

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