

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING MARCH 20 & 21, 2008

Prepared on February 26, 2008

ITEM NUMBER: 15

SUBJECT: Enforcement Report

DISCUSSION

Violations Listing

Staff uses the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) to track Water Board data, including violations and enforcement actions. The following pages contain a list of violations generated from CIWQS that occurred between November 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007.

CIWQS is still a work in progress, and the attached report has some deficiencies. However, we are providing the report to demonstrate the current and future capabilities of CIWQS. This listing has improved and should continue to improve in future editions. CIWQS has a new sewer system overflow (SSO) module which provides better tracking and reporting of such spills.

Summary of Enforcement Activities

The following information summarizes significant enforcement action taken by the Water Board during the period between January 1, 2008, and January 31, 2008.

Staff Enforcement Letters

- Arroyo Grande Mushroom Farm
- Lopez High School
- Mesa Middle School

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

- Cypress Ridge Wastewater Facility

Administrative Civil Liability Settlement

On June 27, 2007, the Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R3-2007-0065 against the City of Arroyo Grande for a 50,000-gallon sewage spill to Arroyo Grande Creek that occurred on March 14 and 15, 2007 (see Attachment 2). The Complaint proposed an assessment of \$65,000. The city has an up-to-date sewer management plan and an aggressive program for cleaning sewer lines. However, this spill occurred at a spot where the configuration does not allow easy access to about 10 feet of 12-inch line for cleaning. Grease, soap, and sludge accumulated in this section, leading to the spill. Water Board staff made it clear to the city that this junction should be upgraded to allow complete cleaning, and that we would view the city as having increased culpability if a future spill were to occur at this spot.

After receiving the Complaint, the city expressed its interest in settling the Complaint and proposed several supplemental environmental projects. Staff reviewed the city's proposed SEPs and drafted a settlement agreement. On February 12, 2008, the Arroyo Grande City Council approved the settlement. The city agreed to direct \$60,500 of the civil liability towards three SEPs and pay \$4,500 in staff costs. The three approved projects are a City Hall Parking Lot Bioswale and Drainage Filtration Project (\$44,000), Design of Tally Ho/Corbett Canyon Creek Headcut Project (\$11,500), and Design of Tally Ho/Corbett Canyon Creek Confluence Restoration/Sedimentation Reduction Project (\$5,000).

The Executive Officer signed the agreement on behalf of the Board on February 21, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for Board information. The Board may provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Violation List
2. ACL Complaint R3-2007-0065

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