
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF LODGING OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

WRITTEN COMMENTS DUE BY 5:00 P.M., October 28, 2013

Notice is hereby given that on September 20, 2013, a proposed Settlement Agreement in the bankruptcy matter, *In re Halaco Engineering Company*, Case No. 9:02-bk-12255-RR, was lodged with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Northern Division.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) (collectively, the Water Boards) filed various Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 proofs of claim and administrative expense priority claims in the bankruptcy proceedings of debtor Halaco Engineering Company (Halaco) relating to its property located at 6200 Perkins Road in the City of Oxnard. The Regional Board's claims sought civil penalties for, among other things, violations of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code section 13000 *et seq.*), permits, and administrative orders, as well as enforcement and investigative costs. The State Board's claims sought annual permit fees and civil penalties under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act for permits relating to storm water discharges at the Halaco site.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Water Boards will receive a single allowed Chapter 11 administrative expense claim in the bankruptcy in the amount of \$630,000 in settlement of the proofs of claim and administrative expense priority claims filed by the Water Boards. Eighty-five percent (85%) of any cash distribution received by the Water Boards will be reserved for sites and/or projects within or benefitting Ventura County.

You may submit written comments on the proposed Settlement Agreement, which must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **October 28, 2013**. Comments must be addressed to Russ Colby at the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, and either emailed to Russ.Colby@waterboards.ca.gov or mailed to 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Please refer to the *Halaco Settlement Agreement* when submitting comments.

During the public comment period, the Settlement Agreement may be examined at the Regional Board's office, 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90013, or downloaded at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>. For additional information, please contact Russ Colby at (213) 620-6373 or Russ.Colby@waterboards.ca.gov.