State Water Board Reaches Settlement Agreement With City of Etna Collection System Over Water Code Violation

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SACRAMENTO – The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the City of Etna Collection System have entered into a settlement agreement requiring the city to pay \$19,182 for violating a California Water Code Order relating to General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems.

Violations of the Order include late submittal of a collection system questionnaire; late submittal of no-spill reports; failure to submit and certify all elements of the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) in the California Integrated Water Quality System and have the SSMP approved at a public meeting by the governing board; and failure to submit a response to the Order.

The State Water Board urged Etna to come into compliance on several occasions, yet compliance was not achieved until the Office of Enforcement notified the city of a forthcoming administrative civil liability.

In lieu of issuing an administrative civil liability complaint with a hearing before the State Water Board, Etna and the Office of Enforcement entered into a settlement agreement. On Oct. 12, 2015, the executive director of the State Water Board issued an Order approving the settlement agreement.

Under the agreement and the executive director's Order, the city must pay the entire penalty of \$19,182 and waives its right to a hearing and reconsideration of the Order.

For a copy of the settlement agreement and Order, visit the Office of Enforcement website.