

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Michael T. Chee)
MEETING DATE: October 19, 2005

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: **Contra Costa County - Sanitation District No. 5, Sewage Treatment Plant, Port Costa, Contra Costa County** – Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty for Discharge of Partially Treated Wastewater to Waters of the State

CHRONOLOGY: The Water Board originally issued a Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) against the Contra Costa County – Sanitation District No. 5 in February 2004. The original complaint has been revised to allow a compliance project (CP) that the District proposes to undertake to fix problems at its treatment plant.

DISCUSSION: The District violated its NPDES permit's effluent limits on twenty-three occasions during the period between January 29, 2001, and June 9, 2003. Nineteen of these violations are subject to mandatory minimum penalties for a total penalty of \$57,000.

The District has signed a waiver to a Water Board hearing (Appendix B), and intends to undertake a CP. The proposed CP is designed to upgrade the treatment plant facilities within five years. The attached revised complaint proposes civil liability in the amount of \$57,000, of which all will be suspended to help fund the CP. Item 7 on this month's agenda is a draft Time Schedule Order that would ensure the District completes the CP in a timely manner.

We expect no further comments on this item.

RECOMMEN-
DATION: No action required.

File No.: 2119.1034 (MTC)

Appendix: A. Revised Complaint No. R2-2003-0100
B. Signed waiver

Appendix A

Appendix B