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ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT R5-2014-0528, FOR WILLIAM R. SINKS ET AL.

Enclosed is an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (Complaint), issued pursuant to California Water Code section 13323. The Complaint alleges that William R. Sinks et al. (hereafter collectively "Sinks" or "Discharger") failed to submit a Report of Waste Discharge ("RoWD") as required under Water Code section 13260, and recommends an administrative civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13261 in the amount of **three thousand five hundred-forty dollars (\$3,540)**.

Sinks may:

- Pay the proposed administrative civil liability and waive the right to a hearing (Option 1 on the attached waiver form – see Attachment F);
- Ask that the hearing be postponed to facilitate settlement discussions or for other reasons (Options 2 or 3 on the attached waiver form); or
- Contest the Complaint and/or enter into settlement discussions without signing the enclosed waiver.

If the Central Valley Water Board does not receive a signed waiver by **2 June 2014**, a hearing will be scheduled for the **7/8 August 2014** Board meeting in Rancho Cordova. This hearing will be governed by the attached Hearing Procedures, which have been approved by the Board Chair for use in adjudicating matters such as this one. Any objections to the Hearing Procedures must be received by Alex Mayer, whose contact information is listed in the Hearing Procedures, by **5 p.m. on 20 May 2014**.

If you choose to sign the waiver and pay the assessed civil liability, this will be considered a tentative settlement of the violations. The settlement will be considered final pending a 30-day public comment period, starting from the date this Complaint is issued. Interested parties may comment on the proposed action during this period by submitting written comments to the Central Valley Water Board staff person listed

below. Should the Central Valley Water Board receive new information or comments during this comment period, the Assistant Executive Officer may withdraw the Complaint, return payment, and issue a new complaint. If the Central Valley Water Board does not hold a hearing on the matter, and if the terms of the final settlement are not significantly different from those proposed in the enclosed Complaint, then there will not be additional opportunities for public comment on the proposed settlement.

In order to conserve resources, this letter transmits paper copies of the documents to William R. Sinks et al. only. Interested persons may download the documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint, please contact Wesley Ouimette at (916) 464-4667, or via e-mail at wouimette@waterboards.ca.gov.



JOE KARKOSKI, Chief
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Enclosure: ACL Complaint R5-2014-0528

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