

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

ORDER NO. R9-2002-0032
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITY
AGAINST
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT
VIOLATION
OF
ORDER NO. 96-54, NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0108821
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER
DISTRICT, SANTA ROSA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY, RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter Regional Board), having held a public hearing on 13 March 2002, to hear evidence and comments on the allegations contained in Amended Complaint No. R9-2001-0336, dated 07 February 2002, and on the recommendation for administrative assessment of Civil Liability pursuant to California Water Code section 13385 in the amount of \$66,000 finds as follows:

1. Rancho California Water District (hereinafter Rancho) owns and operates the Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility (hereinafter Facility) located at 26266 Washington Avenue, Murrieta, California. The Facility discharges treated wastewater to Murrieta Creek (Hydrologic Subarea 2.32) pursuant to *Order No. 96-54 (NPDES No. CA0108821) Waste Discharge Requirements for the Rancho California Water District, Santa Rosa Reclamation Facility, Riverside County* (hereinafter Order No. 96-54) which was adopted on 14 November 1996.
2. The September and December 2000, and January, March, and April 2001 Rancho Self-Monitoring Reports (SMRs) indicate twenty-two sampling results in violation of Order No. 96-54's Prohibitions and Discharge Specifications. These violations are summarized in attached Table 1, *Summary of Violations of Order No. 96-54, Rancho California Water District, Santa Rosa Reclamation Facility*.
3. Consideration of the factors prescribed in California Water Code Section 13385(e) based upon information available to the Regional Board prior to the hearing and described in greater detail in *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Technical Analysis, Proposed Administrative Civil Liability Contained In Amended Complaint No. R9-2001-0336, Rancho California Water District, 26 February 2002* supports assessment of civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385(i) in the amount of \$66,000 as detailed in Table 1.
4. The Regional Board incurred costs totaling \$5,200, which includes investigation, preparation of enforcement documents, and communication with the discharger.

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5. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to section 13385 of the California Water Code, civil liability is imposed on Rancho California Water District in the amount of sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000) and that the rationale for the assessment contained in *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Technical Analysis, Proposed Administrative Civil Liability Contained In Amended Complaint No. R9-2001-0336, Rancho California Water District, 26 February 2002* is hereby incorporated into this order.

I, John H. Robertus, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order imposing civil liability assessed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on 13 March 2002.





JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer

Table 1. - Summary of Violations of Order No. 96-54

| Date | Violation | Permitted Limit | Reported Value | Pollutant Category | Ratio Reported to Permitted | Serious? | Water Code Section 13385 | Penalty |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 09/30/00 | iron daily max conc | 0.4 mg/L | 0.53 mg/L | 1 | 1.33 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$0 |
| 09/30/00 | iron daily max MER | 6.67 lb/d | 8.31 lb/d | 1 | 1.25 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$0 |
| 09/30/00 | 30 day avg phosphorus conc | 1.0 mg/L | 1.1 mg/L | 1 | 1.10 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$0 |
| 09/30/00 | 30 day avg iron conc | 0.3 mg/L | 0.53 mg/L | 1 | 1.77 | Serious | (h)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 09/30/00 | 30 day avg iron MER | 5.0 lb/d | 8.3 lb/d | 1 | 1.66 | Serious | (h)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 09/30/00 | 30 day avg phosphorus MER | 16.7 lb/d | 17.1 lb/d | 1 | 1.02 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 09/30/00 | aluminum max at any time | 1.0 mg/L | 2.4 mg/L | 1 | 2.40 | Serious | (h)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 12/05/00 | TOC daily max | 15 mg/L | 18 mg/L | 1 | 1.20 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 12/31/00 | 30 day avg TOC conc | 8 mg/L | 10 mg/L | 1 | 1.25 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 12/31/00 | 30 day avg TOC MER | 134 lb/day | 145 lb/day | 1 | 1.09 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 12/31/00 | TOC daily max MER | 250 lb/day | 263 lb/d | 1 | 1.05 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 01/14/01 | phosphorus daily max | 2.0 mg/L | 4.5 mg/L | 1 | 2.25 | Serious | (h)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 01/23/01 | TDS daily max | 825 mg/L | 860 mg/L | 1 | 1.04 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 01/23/01 | TDS MER daily max | 13769 lb/d | 14357 lb/d | 1 | 1.04 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 01/31/01 | 30 day avg TOC | 8 mg/L | 9 mg/L | 1 | 1.13 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 01/31/01 | 30 day avg total phosphorus | 1.0 mg/L | 1.1 mg/L | 1 | 1.10 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 03/31/01 | TDS monthly avg | 750 mg/L | 754 mg/L | 1 | 1.01 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 03/31/01 | TOC monthly avg | 8 mg/L | 9.8 mg/L | 1 | 1.23 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 04/24/01 | daily max TOC MER | 250 lb/day | 279 lb/D | 1 | 1.12 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 04/24/01 | daily max TOC | 15 mg/L | 17 mg/L | 1 | 1.13 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 04/30/01 | 30-day TOC | 8.0 mg/L | 9.9 mg/L | 1 | 1.24 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 04/30/01 | 30-day TOC MER | 134 lb/day | 162 lb/d | 1 | 1.21 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 05/15/01 | total nitrogen daily max | 8.0 mg/L | 8.2 mg/L | 1 | 1.03 | Chronic | (i)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 05/15/01 | unionized ammonia daily max | 0.025 mg/L | 0.053 mg/L | 1 | 2.12 | Serious | (h)(1) | \$3,000 |
| 05/15/01 | unionized ammonia daily max MER | 0.417 lb/d | 0.809 lb/d | 1 | 1.94 | Serious | (h)(1) | \$3,000 |

Total Penalty \$66,000