

ORDER REQUIRING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
SAN FRANCISCO TO CEASE AND DESIST DISCHARGING  
WASTES FROM ITS NORTH POINT SEWAGE TREATMENT  
PLANT CONTRARY TO REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY  
THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
BOARD, SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 72-90

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, finds that:

- A. On September 25, 1969 this Board adopted Resolution No. 69-43 prescribing requirements for the waste discharge by the City and County of San Francisco from its North Point Sewage Treatment Plant.
- B. On October 23, 1969 this Board adopted Resolution No. 69-52, an order to cease and desist from violations of requirements.
- C. On March 26, 1970 this Board adopted Resolution No. 70-17 to amend Resolution No. 69-43 to make the code references consistent with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act without making any substantive changes in the specific requirements contained therein.
- D. On March 26, 1970 this Board adopted Resolution No. 70-18 to amend and reissue Resolution No. 69-52 to make the code references consistent with the California Water Code.
- E. The waste discharge requirements contained in Resolution No. 70-17 provide, in part, as follows:

"WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS - RECEIVING WATERS

2. The discharge shall not:

- a. Unreasonably affect any of the protected beneficial water uses resulting from:

Floating, suspended, or deposited macroscopic particulate matter, or foam in waters of the State at any place;

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Alteration of temperature, turbidity or apparent color beyond present natural background levels in waters of the State at any place.

- b. Cause visible, floating, suspended or deposited oil or other products of petroleum origin in waters of the State at any place.



- F. Inspections by Board staff and discharger's monitoring data indicate that the discharger has violated the requirements on floating particulate matter in waters of the State; alteration of turbidity and apparent color beyond natural background levels in waters of the State; visible and floating oil in waters of the State; settleable matter in the effluent, and toxicity in the effluent.
- G. Inspections by Board staff and discharger's monitoring data indicate that the discharger is threatening to violate the requirements on coliform organisms in waters of the State.
- H. On October 26, 1972 at a meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, Campbell City Hall, 75 N. Central Avenue, Campbell, after due notice to the discharger and all other affected persons, the Regional Board conducted a public hearing at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.
- I. The discharger is violating the requirements specified in "F" above and is threatening to violate the requirements specified in "G" above.
- J. There is an urgent need for the City and County of San Francisco to comply with present requirements. The City has developed a long range program to deal with their dry weather sewage flows. This program presently includes the eventual abandonment of the North Point Plant and the discharge of all effluent from the City through a deep water ocean outfall. The City has proposed a completion date of December 1977 for this program. December 1977 is not an adequate date for meeting present waste discharge requirements and the Board finds that the City and County of San Francisco will have to accelerate construction of facilities necessary to meet present requirements in accordance with a time schedule hereinafter prescribed.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

- A. The City and County of San Francisco cease and desist from discharging or threatening to discharge wastes contrary to requirements listed in "E" above.
- B. Compliance with the Board's discharge requirements be completed according to the following time schedule:

Demonstrate compliance with coliform organism requirements	November 15, 1972
Complete design of facilities necessary to remove disinfection induced toxicity	January 30, 1973
Begin construction of facilities necessary to remove disinfection induced toxicity	April 30, 1973

Complete construction of facilities  
necessary to remove disinfection  
induced toxicity

September 1, 1973

Demonstrate compliance with  
settleable matter requirements

December 15, 1972

Submit a conceptual plan and  
time schedule for compliance with  
all requirements

December 1, 1972

- C. The City and County of San Francisco is required to provide to the Board by December 1, 1972, and monthly thereafter a report, under penalty of perjury, on progress towards compliance with the provisions of this order.
- D. If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the City and County of San Francisco fails to comply with the provisions of this order, the Executive Officer is directed to request the Attorney General to take the appropriate enforcement action against the discharger including injunction and civil monetary remedies, if appropriate.
- E. This Board's Resolution Nos. 69-52 and 70-18 are rescinded.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on October 26, 1972.

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Executive Officer