

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

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

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: **Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, San Rafael, Marin County** – Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty for Discharge of Partially Treated Wastewater to Waters of the State

CHRONOLOGY: September 2000 –Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP)  
November 2001 - MMP

DISCUSSION: Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District violated its NPDES effluent limits on sixteen occasions during the period between February 1, 2000, and March 1, 2004. Nine of these violations are subject to mandatory penalties for a total penalty of \$27,000.

Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District has signed a waiver to a Water Board hearing (Appendix B), and intends to undertake two supplemental environmental projects (SEPs). One of the proposed SEPs is for the Electronic Reporting System (ERS). The proposed ERS SEP will enhance/improve the public availability and accessibility of wastewater discharge data generated by various dischargers in the San Francisco Bay Area. This will be accomplished through the enhancement of the functionality of the Regional Water Board's ERS, and the interface of the ERS to the State Water Board's System for Water Information Management (SWIM). The goals of the enhancements will include the accessibility of data via internet, improvements to search and sort abilities, and expansion of the database to add more pollutants and parameters.

The other proposed SEP will provide wildlife habitat enhancement on the perimeter of the Las Gallinas marsh pond and between the marsh pond and Miller Creek. The project will consist of eradicating non-native, invasive vegetation and replacing it with native species. The planting project would diversify the habitat available and would provide habitat for native wildlife species. The attached complaint proposes civil liability in the amount of \$27,000, of which \$21,000 will be suspended to fund the two SEPs.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION: No action required.

File No.: 2159.5012 (MTC)

Appendix: A. Complaint No. R2-2004-0073  
B. Signed waiver

## Appendix A

## Appendix B