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Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer Issues \$171,000 In Complaints For Penalties

SACRAMENTO –The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued \$171,000 in Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) complaints for assessment of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for eight facilities in the Central Valley.

The City of Auburn faces \$24,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant. For the months of October and November 2010, the chloroform and effluent limit was violated three times and the aluminum effluent limit was violated five times. Treated wastewater is discharged to Auburn Ravine, which is tributary to the Sacramento River.

Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 3 faces \$45,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant, which provides service to Granite Bay. Between August 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010, effluent limits for copper and aluminum were each violated one time, the limit for dibromochloromethane was violated five times, and the limit for dichlorobromomethane was violated eight times. Treated domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater is discharged to Miners Ravine.

Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1 faces \$15,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant, which serves the unincorporated area of North Auburn. For the months of October and November 2010, the District violated the effluent limits for nitrite plus nitrate three times and aluminum twice. Treated wastewater is discharged to Rock Creek, which is tributary to the Bear River and the Sacramento River.

The Freeport Regional Water Authority faces \$6,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its Water Pipeline Intake Facilities Project. Between June 12, 2008 and November 7, 2008, the effluent limit for suspended solids was violated three times. Water used for hydrostatic pipeline testing was discharged to tributaries to the Sacramento River.

The City of Turlock faces \$3,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant. Between January 1, 2008 and November 30, 2010, the effluent limit for chlorine was violated one time. Treated domestic, commercial and industrial wastewater is discharged to the Harding Drain, a tributary to the San Joaquin River.

The Linda County Water District is subject to \$15,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant. From July through November 2010, the effluent limits for copper and chlorine were each violated one time, and the limits for zinc, biochemical oxygen demand, and conductivity were each violated twice. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to both the Feather River and to evaporation/percolation ponds that lie within the flood plain of the Feather River.

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The State of California, Department of General Services is subject to \$24,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its Office of State Publishing. From August through November 2010, the effluent limit for TDS was violated one time, the limits for barium and pH were each violated two times, and the limit for manganese was violated three times. Non-contact cooling water from air-conditioning heat exchange coils and on-site storm water is discharged into the American River.

The East Bay Municipal Utility District is subject to \$6,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its Pardee Reservoir Water Treatment Plant. Between April 2009 and September 2010, the effluent limit for chlorine residual was exceeded twice. Backwash water from the treatment plant is discharged into an unlined pond and then flows overland to Pardee Reservoir, which is tributary to the Mokelumne River.

GWF Power Systems is subject to \$3,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its Wilbur Avenue East Power Plant. From April 2004 through October 2010 the effluent limits for aluminum and iron were each violated one time. Wastewater is discharged to the San Joaquin River.

Nevada County Sanitation District No. 1 is subject to \$6,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its Lake Wildwood wastewater treatment plant. Between January 2008 and November 2010, the effluent limits for pH and chlorine were each exceeded two times. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to Deer Creek which is tributary to the Yuba River.

The City of Manteca is subject to \$3,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant. From August 2009 through November 2010, the effluent limit for ammonia was exceeded twice. Treated domestic, commercial and industrial wastewater is discharged to the San Joaquin River.

The City of Stockton faces \$6,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant. Between January 1, 2009 and November 30, 2010, the effluent limit for cyanide was violated two times, the limit for ammonia was violated once, and the limit for chlorine was violated twice. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to the San Joaquin River.

The City of Yuba City is subject to \$3,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant. From July through November 2010, the effluent limit for settleable solids was exceeded once, and the limit for pH was exceeded three times. Treated municipal and industrial wastewater is discharged to both the Feather River and to disposal ponds within the floodplain of the Feather River.

SPX Cooling Technologies is subject to \$12,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its groundwater extraction and treatment system in East Stockton. Between May 2008 and December 2010, the effluent limit for copper was violated four times. Treated water is discharged to the Stockton Diverting Canal, which is tributary to the Calaveras River.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The Board may consider the complaints at its regular board meeting on June 8, 9, or 10, 2011.