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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Penalizes City of Redding \$72,000 for Violations at Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued an Administrative Civil Liability Compliant for \$72,000 to the City of Redding for discharge violations from its Stillwater Wastewater Treatment plant. The penalty was for the discharge of elevated levels of residual chlorine to the Sacramento River.

The discharge of approximately 67,250 gallons of treated wastewater contained residual chlorine at concentrations almost 70 times greater than the limit set by the Central Valley Water Board in the city's permit. Elevated levels of residual chlorine are toxic to fish and other aquatic life. The Sacramento River provides critical habitat for plants and animals and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

The Central Valley Water Board is one of nine regional boards in the State. Among its principal duties, the Board sets region-wide water quality standards and activity-specific waste discharge requirements, enforces both federal and state clean water statutes, regulates cleanup of sites which pose an immediate or potential threat to water quality, and educates the public on water quality issues.

If the City of Redding contests the fine, the issue will be considered by the Central Valley Water Board at its regularly scheduled August 3, 4 or 5 meeting in Rancho Cordova.