



# Enforcement News

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

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## Farm Trust Faces \$23,685 Penalty for Waste Discharge Violations in Contra Costa County

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The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (Complaint) to Lawrence A Rosa, trustee of the Lawrence A Rosa Living Trust and Lori R. Rosa, as owners, and Frank A Maggiore and F.A. Maggiore & Sons, LLC, as lessees, of farmland located at 3001 Point of Timber Road in Contra Costa, County, in the amount of \$23,685.

The complaint alleges violations of the Central Valley Water Board's irrigated lands waiver, as well as the late submittal of a required technical report. The alleged violations involve irrigation discharges from a 50-acre farm managed by the lessees.

Central Valley Water Board staff conducted two investigations during the 2011 crop season in response to a down-stream landowner's complaints of sediment entering Discovery Bay from agricultural sources. During the investigations, staff found significant volumes of sediment-laden irrigation water discharging from the farmland to a tributary to Discovery Bay, waters of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. In response, the Central Valley Water Board issued an order asking for a plan to reduce sediment-laden discharges from the farmland. The completed technical report was submitted by the discharger 83 days past the due date.

Sediment discharges can cause nuisance conditions and make the water unfit for downstream water users. Metals, pesticides, and pathogens can adhere to sediment particles and can be transported in sediment laden runoff to the Delta. Aquatic habitat that supports important fisheries can also be impacted by excessive sediment. The Delta is home to a number of endangered and threatened aquatic species and supplies about two-thirds of the State's residents with drinking water.

The Complaint is available for public review on the Central Valley Water Board's website at

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)  
(See tentative orders under Stanislaus County).

Public comments are due by August 30, 2012.

The Central Valley Water Board may consider the Complaint at its regular board meeting on October 4-5, 2012. The Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program regulates commercial irrigated agricultural operations within the Central Valley Water Board's boundaries, which extend from the Oregon border down to portions of Los Angeles County.

The Central Valley Water Board is a California state agency responsible for the preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. For more information on the Central Valley Water Board, please visit the home page at:

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