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State Water Resources Control Board

State Water Board Office of Enforcement Issues \$1.3 Million
in Complaints for Mandatory Minimum Penalties

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SACRAMENTO - The Office of Enforcement of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has issued \$1,329,000 in Administrative Civil Liability Complaints for eight facilities in Southern California. The complaints address discharge-related exceedances of effluent limits or violations relating to reporting requirements.

By law, each violation alleged in the complaints must be assessed a mandatory minimum penalty (MMP) of \$3,000 per violation.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power faces \$438,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at Haynes Generating Station in Long Beach. From November 2004 through April 2011, effluent limits for multiple constituents were violated 146 times. A variety of wastewater is generated by this coastal power plant and discharged to the San Gabriel River Estuary.

TREA Wilshire Rodeo, LLC faces \$252,000 in MMPs for effluent limit and reporting violations relating to discharges from a groundwater dewatering system at 131 South Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. From November 2008 through June 2009, effluent limits for total suspended solids, turbidity, methylene blue active substances, and settleable solids were violated seven times. Groundwater seepage was discharged to a storm water collection system and subsequently to Ballona Creek. In addition, five quarterly self-monitoring reports were submitted after their respective due dates, constituting 80 late reporting violations subject to MMPs.

Elixir Industries faces \$198,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its former paint manufacturing facility in Gardena. From December 2003 through January 2007, effluent limits for pH and mercury were violated 66 times. Treated groundwater from a pump-and-treat groundwater remediation system was discharged into a nearby storm drain and subsequently to the Dominguez Channel.

Arden Realty faces \$177,000 in MMPs for effluent limit and reporting violations relating to discharges from a groundwater dewatering system at 6100 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. From January 2006 through September 2006, effluent limits for biochemical oxygen demand,

turbidity, oil and grease, and sulfides were violated seven times. Groundwater seepage was discharged to a nearby storm drain and subsequently to Ballona Creek. In addition, a quarterly self-monitoring report was submitted 1,569 days after the due date of May 15, 2006, constituting 52 late reporting violations subject to MMPs.

Kinder Morgan SFPP, L.P. (formerly Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline) faces \$111,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations relating to discharges from a groundwater dewatering and soil and groundwater remediation facility located in Norwalk. From January 2000 through January 2011, effluent limits for multiple constituents were violated thirty-seven times. Stormwater commingled with treated groundwater and condensate from a soil and groundwater remediation system was discharged to Coyote Creek and subsequently to the San Gabriel River.

Whittaker Corporation faces \$84,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at a former manufacturing facility conducting groundwater remediation in Santa Clarita. From May 2006 through May 2008, effluent limits for multiple constituents were violated 28 times. Treated groundwater from a soil and groundwater remediation project was discharged to a stormwater collection system near Soledad Canyon Road and Commuter Way and subsequently to the Santa Clara River.

Rodeo Owner Corp. faces \$48,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its facility located in Beverly Hills. From March 2006 through May 2007, effluent limits for biochemical oxygen demand and residual chlorine were violated 16 times. Groundwater and incidental stormwater were discharged from a sump located in the building's parking garage to Ballona Creek.

LB/L-Sun Cal Mandalay, LLC faces \$21,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred from its groundwater dewatering operations at a residential development site in Oxnard. From March 2003 through May 2003, effluent limits for total suspended solids, settleable solids, turbidity, and oil and grease were violated seven times. Groundwater from dewatering operations was discharged from four outfalls to Harbor Island Canal and Edison Canal.

The State Water Board and nine regional water quality control boards work to protect water quality in the State of California.

For more information on the State Water Resources Control Board Office of Enforcement, please visit: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/