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NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER BOARD FINES THE REDWOODS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT,
COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS FOR SEWAGE VIOLATIONS

SANTA ROSA— Today, the North Coast Regional Water Board fined the Redwoods Community College District, College of the Redwoods for discharges of partially treated wastewater and late filing of one discharge monitoring report. The Regional Water Board imposed a penalty of \$72,000 for the violations, which occurred between January 1, 2000 and November 30, 2007. Violations were caused by a malfunctioning chlorination system and rainfall-induced infiltration and inflow to the sewer. In 2007 upgrades to the chlorination system were completed. The Order requires the Discharger to pay \$10,000 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) with the remaining balance of \$62,000 to be offset by a sewer infiltration and inflow reduction compliance project.

On March 7, 2008, the Discharger paid \$10,000 into the CAA. The compliance project, which is to be completed by August 31, 2009, will reduce excess storm water infiltration and inflow. It includes repairs of three manholes, sewer pipe lining, and spot repair on five severe root intrusion areas. Upon satisfactory completion of the compliance, the balance of the penalty will be permanently suspended and no further payment will be required.

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