



# Media Release

## Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer Issues \$315,000 In Complaints For Mandatory Minimum Penalties

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SACRAMENTO - The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued \$315,000 in Administrative Civil Liability Complaints for assessment of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs), for ten facilities in the Central Valley.

The City of Auburn faces \$12,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant. From December 2010 through January 2011, the aluminum effluent limit was violated four times. Treated wastewater is discharged to Auburn Ravine, which is a tributary to the Sacramento River.

The City of Stockton faces \$63,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant. Between December 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011, the effluent limit for ammonia was violated 22 times. The treated municipal wastewater is discharged to the San Joaquin River.

The State Department of Parks and Recreation faces \$120,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations from discharges from the Empire Mine State Historic Park. From October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, there were a total of 40 violations of the effluent limitations for dissolved oxygen, color, turbidity, iron, manganese, arsenic, pH, settleable solids, and total suspended solids. The wastewater is discharged from a constructed mine drain to an unnamed tributary to the South Fork of Wolf Creek, which is tributary to the South Fork of Wolf Creek, which in turn is tributary to Wolf Creek and the Bear River.

The City of Yuba City is subject to \$9,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant. From December 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011, the effluent limit for settleable solids was exceeded three times, and the limit for coliform was exceeded once. Treated municipal and industrial wastewater is discharged to both the Feather River and to disposal ponds within the floodplain of the Feather River.

The City of Woodland faces \$15,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant. Between October 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011, the effluent limit for total coliform was violated six times. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to Tule Canal within the Yolo Bypass.

Nevada County Sanitation District No. 1 is subject to \$45,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its Cascade Shores wastewater treatment plant. Between August 1, 2009 and January 31, 2011, the effluent limit for pH was exceeded three times, the effluent limit for

copper was exceeded 11 times, and the effluent limit for coliform was exceeded once. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to Gas Canyon Creek.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation faces \$21,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its Deuel Vocational Institution in San Joaquin County. Between September 1, 2010 and February 28, 2011, the Department of Corrections violated the effluent limits for electrical conductivity six times and for nitrate once. Treated wastewater is discharged into Deuel Drain, part of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and tributary to Paradise Cut and Old River.

The Discovery Bay Community Services District faces \$15,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant. From September 1, 2009 through February 28, 2011, the effluent limit for total coliform was exceeded seven times and the limit for electrical conductivity was exceeded once. Treated wastewater is discharged into the Old River.

The Penny Newman Grain Company faces \$3,000 in MMPs for the late submittal of one monitoring report associated with a pipeline hydrostatic test project. The monitoring report has since been submitted. The report shows that there were no effluent limit violations. Pipeline water was discharged into the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel.

The San Juan Water District faces \$12,000 in MMPs for the late submittals of four monitoring reports associated with its drinking water distribution system. The reports have since been submitted. They showed that there were no effluent limit violations. The discharges were to surface waters within a portion of Roseville and Granite Bay.

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 public board meeting on August 3, 4, or 5, 2011.