

ORDER REQUIRING THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY TO CEASE AND
DESIST FROM DISCHARGING WASTES CONTRARY TO REQUIREMENTS
PRESCRIBED BY THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL BOARD, SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 71-11

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region finds:

1. On March 19, 1959 this regional board adopted Resolution No. 301 prescribing discharge requirements covering the discharge of the City of Half Moon Bay from the Half Moon Bay sewage treatment plant.
2. The discharge requirements provide, in part, as follows:

"This waste discharge shall not cause any oil, grease, scum, or other floating, suspended, or deposited material recognizable by eye as being of waste origin at any point in the receiving water or on adjacent beaches;

No sample of the waste shall contain more than 1.0 ml/l/hr. of settleable solids;

This waste shall, at all times, be adequately disinfected prior to discharge and, for the purpose of this requirement, adequate disinfection is any disinfection equivalent to the maintenance of the chlorine residual of at least 2.0 ppm in the primary effluent through a contact period of at least 30 minutes or which results in the reduction of the coliform density to an MPN of less than 10 per milliliter in any sample;"
3. Inspection by board staff and data submitted by the discharger indicate that the discharger is not complying with requirements for floating, suspended or deposited material of waste origin, settleable solids and disinfection.
4. By letters dated September 22, 1970, August 1, 1969, May 31, 1968, May 24, 1968, and April 15, 1968 the regional board notified the discharger of the violation of requirements and requested immediate action to eliminate such violation.
5. On February 8, 1971 at 6:30 p.m. in the Half Moon Bay City Hall, after due notice to the discharger, and all other affected persons, a hearing panel of the regional board conducted a public hearing at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.
6. Upon the basis of the evidence received, the hearing panel recommended that the board issue a cease and desist order against the discharger requiring that it comply forthwith with the aforesaid requirements.

7. The discharger is violating requirements for deposited material recognizable by eye as being of waste origin; effluent settleable matter; and disinfection of its effluent; and is threatening violation of bacterial requirements in the receiving waters.
8. Any increase in the discharge of waste will further unreasonably impair water quality.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

1. The City of Half Moon Bay cease and desist from discharging wastes contrary to requirements for deposited material recognizable by eye as being of waste origin; effluent settleable matter; and disinfection of its effluent; and from threatening violation of bacterial requirements in the receiving waters.
2. Comply with the Board's discharge requirements forthwith.
3. Additional discharges to the sewer system of the City of Half Moon Bay by dischargers not discharging to the system prior to the issuance of this order are prohibited. This paragraph does not apply to buildings under construction or to permits issued prior to February 25, 1971.
4. The City of Half Moon Bay is required to provide to the Board by March 1, 1971 and monthly thereafter a report, under penalty of perjury on progress toward compliance with requirements.
5. If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the City of Half Moon Bay fails to comply with the provisions of this order, the Executive Officer is directed to request the Attorney General to take the appropriate enforcement action against the discharger, including injunction and civil monetary remedies, if appropriate.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the Regional Board at a meeting held on February 25, 1971.

Executive Officer