



# Enforcement News

## Central Valley Water Board Prosecution Team Proposes Enforcement Orders For The City Of Colfax

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SACRAMENTO – The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) Prosecution Team has proposed two enforcement orders against the City of Colfax. The Cease and Desist Order and the Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order address violations at the city's wastewater treatment facility. The proposed orders will be considered by the Central Valley Water Board at its regular meeting scheduled for November 30 through December 2, 2011.

The draft Cease and Desist Order is intended to address all outstanding issues with the City of Colfax's sewage collection system and wastewater treatment facility, including: (a) the need to continue making improvements to the collection system to prevent excessive inflow/infiltration, (b) the need to provide temporary operational flexibility to allow the city to drain the storage reservoir so that it may be lined and, therefore, prevent wastewater seepage, (c) the need to reduce non-wastewater inflows into the large storage pond, and (c) the need to re-evaluate whether the facility can comply with the waste discharge requirements to hold all water generated during a 100-year annual precipitation event, while maintaining two feet of freeboard (the space between the top of the pond and the top of the dam) in each storage pond.

The draft ACL Order addresses the period of January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 when the city violated the effluent limits for copper, bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, aluminum, pH, mercury, chlorine, coliform, and turbidity a total of 50 times. The city has accrued \$150,000 in mandatory minimum penalties for these violations. The draft ACL Order would allow the city to apply \$138,000 of the penalties toward three compliance projects and pay the remaining \$12,000 of the penalties.

These documents are available for public review on the 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/). All public comments are due by October 6, 2011.

The Central Valley Water Board is a California state agency responsible for the preservation and enhancement of water quality.