

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2004

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SUBJECT: Enforcement Report

The System for Water Information Management (SWIM) Compliance Module (database created by the State and Regional Boards) tracks violations and enforcement actions. The Compliance Module has been revised to include enhancements for tracking associated Administrative Civil Liabilities.

Any violation that is listed as "Y" for "Yes" in "Significant Violation" column, as well as being listed as an "NPDES" in the "Program Type" column, is in the process of being issued a complaint for Mandatory Minimum Penalties. So-called "nonsignificant" violations may also be triggering a complaint, but it is not possible to determine all of those cases from just reviewing this report. We track those violations on a six-month period and follow up with complaints as appropriate.

The attached report covers the period May 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004. During this time period, 39 dischargers had 100 violations resulting in 7 enforcement actions that were entered into SWIM. In some cases a facility will have multiple violations that led to a single enforcement action. Violations normally include effluent limit violations resulting from monitoring report reviews, violations resulting from compliance inspections, missing and late reports and sewer overflows. Enforcement actions range from verbal communications by staff to formal actions adopted by the Regional Board.

A Mandatory Penalty Complaint for \$15,000 was issued to California Department of Corrections, California Men's Colony (CMC) on June 16, 2004, for various effluent violations that occurred from July 1, 2002 through March 31, 2004. CMC waived their right to a hearing and paid the entire penalty amount on July 20, 2004. CMC recently

began construction of a new trunk sewer line and treatment plant, which should greatly decrease sewage spills, and improve treatment performance and reliability.

RECOMMENDATION

Attached is a table of violations and enforcement actions for information only. The Board may direct staff to initiate additional action as appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Enforcement Report
2. Glossary of Abbreviations

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