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## Glenn County Gravel Mining Operation Receives \$675,000 Penalty For Water Quality Violations

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**SACRAMENTO** –Orland Sand and Gravel Corporation (OSG) of Glenn County and its owner/operator Dale Roy Bogart will pay a \$675,000 penalty for violating the terms of a judicially approved 2018 court settlement over impacts to water quality and natural stream beds near the quarry.

"This failure to comply with applicable laws, as well as our regional board directives resulted in avoidable impacts to water quality and gave this operation an unfair competitive advantage," Clint Snyder, Assistant Executive Officer for the Central Valley Water Board. "This operation was aware of their legal obligations, and had they conducted their operations in accordance with those permits, impacts to water quality and the subsequent enforcement actions would have been avoided."

The <u>recent judgment</u> follows an April 2018 court-approved settlement agreement between Orland Sand and Gravel Corporation and Dale Roy Bogart and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that provided for \$175,000 in civil penalties plus an additional \$500,000 in suspended penalties if OSG or Dale Roy Bogart violated any of its terms.

On <u>May 22, 2019</u>, the court found that Orland Sand and Gravel and Dale Roy Bogart violated several terms of the settlement and issued a judgment that includes civil penalties for violations of the federal Clean Water Act, the Water Code, and the Fish and Game Code.

The enforcement action began when a complaint was filed on behalf of the two agencies by the State Attorney General following a 2014 inspection. Most of the violations resulted from the operators unlawfully extracting gravel from Stony Creek, discharging storm water to Stony Creek, and discharging process water to unauthorized settling ponds without required permits. When operators don't follow carefully crafted rules outlined in permits, the result is poor water quality, and threats or damage to aquatic organisms and their habitat.

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