

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Farhad Azimzadeh)
MEETING DATE: January 30, 2008

ITEM: 10

SUBJECT: Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin - Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty for Discharge in Violation of Effluent Limitations

CHRONOLOGY: Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) Complaint was issued in March 2002

DISCUSSION: The Agency violated its permit six times between January 2005 and August 2007. Of these violations, four are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty. In November 2007, we issued a complaint to the Agency assessing \$12,000 in mandatory minimum penalties.

Excessive inflow and infiltration (I&I) after storm events caused five of the six violations. The Agency is studying the various causes of I&I to eliminate future violations. The sixth violation resulted from operator error, and the Agency since retrained its operators. Because the Agency has responded appropriately to the violations, the minimum penalty is sufficiently stringent.

The Agency waived its right to a hearing and has proposed a \$12,000 Supplemental Environmental Project. The Project will restore a stretch of Old Mill Creek in the City of Mill Valley and provide environmental education to children, who will be involved in the restoration.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is necessary.

File Number: 2159.5015(FA)

Appendices: A. Complaint No. R2-2007-0074
B. Signed Waiver with Cover Letter

Appendix A

Appendix B