

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

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

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: City of Benicia Wastewater Treatment Plant, Solano County - Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty for Discharge in Violation of Effluent Limitations

CHRONOLOGY: Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) Complaints were issued in October 2001, October 2003, and November 2006

DISCUSSION: The City violated its permit eleven times between October 2006 and July 2007. Of these violations, ten are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty. In October 2007, we issued a complaint to the City assessing \$30,000 in mandatory minimum penalties.

The corrosion control system at the City's drinking water plant broke down and caused all of the City's January 2007 copper violations. The City responded to the event as best as could be expected. The City also installed new monitoring equipment and updated its communication procedures to prevent a recurrence. Therefore, staff finds that the minimum monetary penalties are sufficiently stringent.

The City waived its right to a hearing and it has proposed a \$22,500 Supplemental Environmental Project. The Project will include creating and airing a series of public service announcements on the community access television channel provided by the cable company. These announcements will be focused on water quality issues such as reducing fats, oil and grease discharges to the sewers; controlling trash in storm drains; and properly disposing of pharmaceuticals.

RECOMMEND-
ATION: No action is necessary.

File Number: 2129.2001(FA)

Appendices: A. Complaint No. R2-2007-0064
B. Signed Waiver with Cover Letter

Appendix A

Appendix B