

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
MEETING DATE: March 11, 2009

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: **City of San Mateo, Town of Hillsborough, and  
Crystal Springs County Sanitation District, San Mateo County –  
Issuance of Cease and Desist Order**

CHRONOLOGY: The Board has not considered this item before

DISCUSSION: The Revised Tentative Cease and Desist Order (CDO) (Appendix A) was initially issued by the Board's Prosecution Team to the City of San Mateo, Town of Hillsborough, and the Crystal Springs County Sanitation District because they have violated and threaten to violate discharge prohibitions due to ongoing sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). This CDO requires elimination of SSOs. The CDO includes requirements and provisions to resolve the causes of the SSOs in order to reduce sewage discharges to storm drains, surface waters, and groundwaters of the State and United States.

From December 2004 through July 2008, there have been several large volume capacity-related SSOs from the collection systems that connect to the City of San Mateo's wastewater treatment plant. In order to correct the problem that causes these capacity-related SSOs, the Prosecution Staff recommends issuing a single CDO to all three dischargers to ensure that they coordinate their efforts.

During the public comment period, all three dischargers and two stakeholder groups commented on the initial tentative CDO (Appendix B). Prosecution Staff revised the CDO as appropriate and responded to all comments (Appendix C).

In summary, the Revised Tentative CDO will require the three dischargers to address several issues with the following major points:

- Eliminate capacity-related SSOs within the San Mateo wastewater treatment plant's sewershed via the rehabilitation of the Crystal Springs/El Cerrito Trunk Sewer. The CDO includes a construction schedule for completion of this project.

- Require the Crystal Springs CSD to complete the remaining capital improvement projects identified in its Sewer Master Plan to address structural deficiencies within its collection system.
- Improve Sewer System Management Plan elements including requiring each discharger to conduct condition and capacity assessments of its entire collection system.
- Complete short- and long-term improvements addressing capacity and infrastructure deficiencies through a construction completion schedule.
- Require each discharger to achieve full compliance with the Statewide General WDRs for collection systems by December 31, 2018.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION:

I will have a recommendation at the end of the hearing.

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Appendices:  
A. Revised Tentative CDO  
B. Comments Received  
C. Response to Comments