

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
TENTATIVE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
in the matter of
THE CITY OF PACIFICA
CALERA CREEK WATER RECYCLING PLANT AND
SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM
700 COAST HIGHWAY
PACIFICA, SAN MATEO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Water Board) Prosecution Team and the City of Pacific have entered into a proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order. The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order impose an administrative civil liability against the City in the amount of \$1,700,000 for alleged permit violations. The Tentative Cease and Desist Order would require the City to correct the causes of these alleged violations.

The proposed liability is based on allegations that the City violated its discharge permit by discharging 6.9 million gallons of partially treated wastewater in January 2008, discharging untreated wastewater on numerous occasions since December 2004, and discharging in violation of effluent and receiving water limits between February 2006 and July 2010. These violations occurred at the Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant, and at various points from the City's sewer collection system. The discharges entered Calera Creek and the Pacific Ocean.

Persons may comment on the proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2011. Please send comments to the attention of Lila Tang, Regional Water Board, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland CA 94612.

The Tentative Cease and Desist Order would require actions by the City to reduce and eliminate sanitary sewage overflows from its collection system through capital investments in the system to reduce inflow and infiltration, and improvements to operation and maintenance. The Tentative Cease and Desist Order will be presented to the Region Water Board for consideration at a hearing described below. It has been revised in response to comments received on a draft Tentative Cease and Desist Order that was publically noticed and distributed in June 2010.

Hearing to be Held

The Regional Water Board will hold a hearing to consider adoption of the revised Tentative Cease and Desist Order as follows:

Date and Time: May 11, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
Place: First Floor Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order, and Tentative Cease and Desist Order are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/. For additional information and updates, please contact prosecutorial staff Lila Tang at 510-622-2425 or ltang@waterboards.ca.gov or check the Water Board website link cited above for documents and future developments associated with this matter.

Dated: March 15, 2011