

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PENDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
IN THE MATTER OF

**CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY  
UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE OF CHLORAMINATED POTABLE WATER  
TO  
POLHEMUS AND SAN MATEO CREEKS  
SAN MATEO, SAN MATEO COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team issued a Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) on November 17, 2014. The Complaint alleges that the California Water Service Company (Discharger) discharged without authorization approximately 8,207,560 gallons of chloraminated potable water from its water main to Polhemus and San Mateo creeks in the City of San Mateo that killed over 270 fish. The Complaint proposes that the Discharger pay \$3,060,700.

The Complaint and related documents, including the procedure for Water Board hearings (with deadlines for submitting comments), are available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public\\_notices/pending\\_enforcement.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/pending_enforcement.shtml). The Prosecution Team may amend and re-notice its Complaint in response to comments from the Discharger or the public.

The Water Board will hold a hearing on February 11, 2015, to consider adoption of the ACL and/or referral of the matter to the Attorney General, unless the Discharger waives its right to a hearing within 90 days. The 90-day hearing requirement may be waived to pay the penalty as proposed, extend deadlines, or pursue settlement and/or a supplemental environmental project.

For additional information and updates, please contact prosecution staff Habte Kifle at (510) 622-2371 or [hkifle@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hkifle@waterboards.ca.gov) or check the Water Board website link cited above for documents and future developments associated with this matter.

Dated: November 17, 2014