

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER
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, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW), and California Water Service Company (Discharger) have entered into a proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order. The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order imposes an administrative civil liability against the Discharger in the amount of \$1,020,000 for an alleged unauthorized discharge to waters of the United States, which resulted in a fish kill.

The proposed liability is based on allegations that the Discharger violated Water Code section 13376, Clean Water Act section 301, and the Water Board's Water Quality Control Plan by discharging approximately 7,264,524 gallons of chlorinated potable water from a broken water main, of which 2,650,000 gallons may have entered Polhemus and San Mateo creeks.

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order is available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/pending_enforcement.shtml. Persons may comment on the proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2016.

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

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