

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER  
in the matter of  
SONOMA VALLEY COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT  
SONOMA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (Discharger) have entered into a proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order. The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order impose an administrative civil liability against the Discharger in the amount of \$732,300 for unauthorized discharges to waters of the United States.

This proposed liability is for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act Section 301 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for 46 sanitary sewer overflows totaling approximately 425,000 gallons to waters of the United States from August 1, 2010, to January 31, 2015. The proposed liability also includes a mandatory minimum penalty for an alleged violation of the NPDES permit residual chlorine discharge limit from the Discharger's treatment plant on November 13, 2014.

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order proposes that up to \$365,000 of the total liability may be applied towards two supplemental environmental projects. One project involves \$50,000 to incentivize replacement or repair of defective private sewer laterals. The other involves \$315,000 to stabilize the banks at Ash Creek to reduce erosion and sediment discharges.

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order 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). Persons may comment on the proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2015.

For additional information and updates, please contact prosecutorial staff Michael Chee at (510) 622-2333 or [mchee@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mchee@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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