

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER  
in the matter of  
SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY and JULY 2014 DISCHARGES OF  
INADEQUATELY TREATED WASTEWATER  
SAN FRANCISCO

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Discharger) have entered into a Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order (proposed settlement). The proposed settlement would impose an administrative civil liability against the Discharger in the amount of \$611,100 for alleged unauthorized discharges to waters of the United States.

This proposed liability is based on allegations that the Discharger violated permits by discharging approximately 1.6 million gallons (MG) of chlorinated treated wastewater without dechlorination and 2.22 MG of undisinfected combined stormwater and wastewater to Islais Creek; 2.1 MG of chlorinated treated wastewater without dechlorination, 3.12 MG of undisinfected combined stormwater and wastewater, and 0.2 MG of secondary treated wastewater with chlorine residual to Lower San Francisco Bay; and 5.3 MG of primary treated wastewater without secondary treatment to the Pacific Ocean. The unauthorized discharges occurred between February and July 2014.

The proposed settlement would allow for the full amount to go towards construction of the Yosemite Slough Shoreline Restoration Visitor Interpretive Center in San Francisco, which is part of a larger three-phase \$28.8 million plan to create the largest contiguous wetland in the county.

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order are available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public\\_notices/pending\\_enforcement.shtm](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/pending_enforcement.shtm). Persons may comment on the proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2016.

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 website link cited above for documents and future developments associated with this matter.

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