

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PENDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
IN THE MATTER OF

**VALERO REFINING COMPANY-CALIFORNIA  
IMPROPER OPERATION OF TREATMENT SYSTEM  
RESULTING IN EFFLUENT LIMIT VIOLATIONS  
BENICIA REFINERY, BENICIA, CONTRA COAST 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 October 13, 2016. The Complaint alleges that Valero Refining Company-California (Discharger) discharged approximately 1.13 million gallons of partially treated wastewater from its wastewater treatment plant to Suisun Bay. The Complaint proposes that the Discharger pay \$197,500, including \$15,000 for mandatory minimum penalties.

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 January 11, 2017, 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: October 13, 2016