

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER
in the matter of
VALERO REFINING COMPANY-CALIFORNIA
IMPROPER OPERATION OF TREATMENT SYSTEM
RESULTING IN EFFLUENT LIMIT VIOLATIONS
VALERO BENICIA REFINERY
SOLANO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team and Valero Refining Company-California (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 \$179,000, including \$15,000 mandatory minimum penalties for alleged discharges in violation of NPDES permit effluent limits to waters of the United States.

This proposed liability is based on allegations that the Discharger violated permit effluent limits in December 2014 and January 2016.

The proposed settlement would allow \$89,500 to be suspended pending a Supplemental Environmental Project to fund the San Francisco Bay Regional Monitoring Program, to conduct a selenium monitoring study in Suisun Bay.

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order are 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 April 6, 2017.

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

Dated: March 6, 2017