

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  
UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE OF PARTIALLY-TREATED WASTEWATER  
SONOMA, 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 (proposed settlement order). The proposed settlement order imposes an administrative civil liability against the Discharger in the amount of \$427,600 for an alleged unauthorized discharge of partially-treated wastewater to waters of the United States in violation of Water Code section 13376 and Clean Water Act section 301.

The proposed settlement would allow \$213,800 to be suspended pending completion of an Enhanced Compliance Action project to allow the Discharger to improve the performance of its collection system beyond those actions required by law and its NPDES permit.

The proposed settlement order is available at  
[waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public\\_notices/pending\\_enforcement.html#ACL](http://waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/pending_enforcement.html#ACL).

Persons may comment on the proposed settlement order by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020.

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

Dated: February 6, 2020