

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER  
in the matter of  
MONTEREY MUSHROOMS, INC.  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team and Monterey Mushrooms, Inc. (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 \$911,800 for alleged unauthorized discharges of polluted stormwater to waters of the United States.

The proposed liability is based on allegations that the Discharger violated California Water Code section 13376 and Federal Water Pollution Control Act section 301 by discharging approximately 258,000 gallons of polluted stormwater from its spent compost area on March 7, 2016, and 400,000 gallons of polluted stormwater from its stormwater pond February 17 through 19, 2017, to Fisher Creek in Santa Clara County.

The proposed settlement order would allow \$440,364 to be suspended pending a Supplemental Environmental Project to fund the Fisher Creek Riparian Habitat Restoration Project, proposed by the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

The proposed settlement order is 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 order by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2020.

For additional information and updates, please contact prosecution staff, Maya McInerney, at (510) 622-2373 or [maya.mcinerney@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:maya.mcinerney@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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