## CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER in the matter of REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC. AND WEST CONTRA COSTA SANITARY LANDFILL, INC. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team and Republic Services, Inc. (Republic) and West Contra Costa Sanitary Landfill, Inc. (WCCSL) have entered into a proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order. The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order. The proposed Settlement Agreement and WCCSL in the amount of \$253,100 for alleged failure to comply with Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R2-2002-0066 (WDR), as amended by Order No. R2-2006-0008. Additionally, the proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order impose an administrative civil liability in the amount of \$207,500 against WCCSL for alleged failure to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ (IGP), as amended by Order No. 2015-0122-DWQ.

This proposed liability is based on allegations that Republic and WCCSL violated Water Code 13267 by failing to notify the Regional Water Board (one violation) and submit timely technical reports (two violations) about changes in site conditions, as required by the WDR. Additionally, WCCSL allegedly violated the IGP by failing to implement best management practices associated with debris derived from its composting operations.

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order are available at <u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public\_notices/pending\_enforcement.sht</u> <u>ml</u>. Persons may comment on the proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **4/30/2021**.

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order would allow \$223,300 to be paid to the Regional Monitoring Program care of the San Francisco Estuary Institute for implementation of Supplemental Environmental Projects to evaluate transport and loading of pollutants and sediment to San Francisco Bay and to evaluate the fate and transport of the resulting exposure of those pollutants in the Bay, and to improve mercury models.

For additional information and updates, please contact prosecutorial staff Jerry Xu at (510) 622-2469 or jerry.xu@waterboards.ca.gov or check the Water Board website link cited above for documents and future developments associated with this matter.

Dated: 4/1/2021