

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PENDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CITY OF SAN MATEO

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team issued a Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) on December 15, 2021. The Complaint alleges that an unauthorized discharge to San Mateo Creek occurred from a City of San Mateo (Discharger) construction project when its contractor ruptured a potable water pipeline and the chlorinated water flowing from the pipeline mixed with construction materials and flowed into the creek. The Complaint proposes that the Discharger pay \$73,700.

The Complaint and related documents are available at 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 March 9, 2022, 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 prosecutorial staff Brian Thompson at 510 622-2422 or brian.thompson@waterboards.ca.gov or check the Water Board website link cited above for documents and future developments associated with this matter.

Dated: December 15, 2021