STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Michael T. Chee)
MEETING DATE: June 14, 2006

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: **City of South San Francisco, San Mateo County** - Hearing to Consider
                Imposition of Administrative Civil Liability for Discharge of Untreated Wastewater
                into Waters of the State

CHRONOLOGY: The Water Board has not taken any previous enforcement action concerning the
                overflows listed in the Complaint (Appendix A).
                In August 1997, the Water Board issued a Cease and Desist Order (see Discussion,
                below).

DISCUSSION: From May 2003 through March 2006, the City had 147 sanitary sewer overflows
                (SSOs), totaling about 1.9 million gallons of untreated sewage from its collection
                system. The administrative civil liability (ACL) amount is $516,000, which
                includes $16,000 in staff costs.

                The Water Board issued the City a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) in 1997,
                requiring improvements to its wastewater treatment plant and collection system to
                reduce and prevent SSOs by November 2007. The City is complying with the CDO
                and is making progress. However, in December 2004, there was a significant SSO
                of 1.8 million gallons due to a pump station failure. This SSO would not have been
                prevented by actions required by the CDO; however, we believe the City's response
                to all of its SSOs could have been better. Therefore, we believe the assessment of
                liabilities, on top of the actions already required by the CDO, is appropriate.

                The City has signed a waiver to a hearing (Appendix B), and has proposed to
                implement a supplemental environmental project (SEP) in an amount equivalent to
                $484,000 in lieu of an equal amount of the ACL penalty.   The proposed SEP will
                create a private sewer laterals program which will include providing funds to
                homeowners for replacement of their sewer laterals.

RECOMMEN-
DATION: No action required.

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Appendix: A.   Complaint No. R2-2006-0012
                 B.   Signed waiver

Appendix A

Appendix B