

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (CS/CB)
MEETING DATE: April 11, 2007

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: **City of San Mateo, Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Mateo, San Mateo County** - Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty for Discharge of Partially Treated Wastewater to Waters of the State

CHRONOLOGY: MMP Complaint issued July 2003

DISCUSSION: The City violated its NPDES permit's effluent limits six times from February 25, 2004, to October 2, 2006. All six were total suspended solids excursions. We issued a complaint to the City assessing \$9,000 in mandatory minimum penalties.

Half of the violations occurred during the wet season, and the City attributes those to stress on the secondary system, caused by heavy rains leading to excessive solids loss. A power outage at the plant caused two of the dry weather violations, and the other was attributed to poorly settling sludge. While the City has had an ongoing total suspended solids issue, it has taken reasonable steps to adjust its plant operational procedures in response. Therefore, the minimum penalty is appropriate.

The City has signed a waiver to a hearing (see Appendix B), and it has submitted a concept proposal (see Appendix C) for a supplemental environmental project, which has been approved by staff. The proposal involves a project to restore steelhead trout passage in Apanolio Creek by removing an existing migration barrier.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is necessary

File Number: 2179.7035 (CS/CEB)

Appendices: A. Complaint No. R2-2007-0012
B. Signed Waiver
C. SEP Concept Proposal