

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2008
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SUBJECT: Enforcement Report

DISCUSSION

Violations Listing

Staff uses the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) to track Water Board data, including violations and enforcement actions. The following pages contain a list of violations generated from CIWQS that occurred between September 1, 2007, and October 31, 2007.

CIWQS is still a work in progress, and the attached report has some deficiencies. However, we are providing the report to demonstrate the current and future capabilities of CIWQS. This listing has improved and should continue to improve in future editions. CIWQS has a new sewer system overflow (SSO) module which provides better tracking and reporting of such spills.

Summary of Enforcement Activities

The following information summarizes significant enforcement action taken by the Water Board during the period between November 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007.

Notices of Violation

- Ben Lomond Camp
- Conagra Gilroy Foods
- San Jerardo Cooperative
- California Men's Colony
- Bear Creek Estates
- Dreisbach Enterprises
- California Water Service Station 64
- Cambria CSD
- Madera Roja NTMP
- Miller NTMP
- Gold Gulch NTMP
- Castro Valley Ranch THP
- Seick THP
- Soper Wheeler Bonny Doon THP

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Olin Corporation

Administrative Civil Liability Complaints

- Gerry's Foreign Auto Wreckers
- Paul Trucking
- Monterey Peninsula Unified School District
- Agro-Jal Farms, Inc.
- Strawberry Services/Ruby Farms
- Frascioni Brothers
- FYP Vineyards

Stormwater Discharge Complaints

Our staff inspect regulated facilities and deal with violations found during violations. Staff also are in the field for other reasons and sometimes see other violations and follow up on those as well. However, we also rely on everyone else out in our region to report suspected violations to us. Those people provide a great service to our region. That includes Regional Water Board members when they are traveling about the region; and our Board member are more attuned to water quality problems than the average person on the street. On December 20, 2007, a Board Member sent an email complaint to staff regarding a discharge of cloudy runoff from a construction site in Santa Cruz. Staff investigated and found that the discharge was a result of a contractor for the City of Santa Cruz using crushed concrete in a fill pad instead of the crushed rock specified in the plans. Staff also found that the discharge was not significantly turbid nor was the pH problematic. Staff has determined that the City's response was appropriate and does not recommend any additional enforcement action. Also, with that incident, the City was already following up on the problem and communicating with our staff, which was a good sign in terms of the City's responsiveness. Attachment 2 is a series of emails providing additional details. Another Board member referred to a potential problem with a Monterey County Public Works Department road project in Carmel Valley. Materials were stockpiled where they could wash into the adjacent creek, a tributary to the Carmel River, near the Hastings Institute. When we checked on that case, the County had already decided their control method was faulty. Instead of trying to fix the control method, the County took a more conservative approach and removed the material before the large first of the year storms. Again, that was a good sign as far as the County's responsiveness. Lastly, a Board member called about a grubbed hilly site in Rincon Creek canyon in Ventura County that looked like an erosion hazard. Our staff followed up with the property owner and the Resource Conservation District. The RCD provided recommendations on how to stabilize the site and the owner followed through with at least some of those recommendations. Staff continues to monitor this site. Thank you to our Board members for referring this information to us.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for Board information. The Board may provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Violation List
2. emails regarding Santa Cruz stormwater incident

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