

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2012
Prepared on November 28, 2012**

ITEM NUMBER: 9

SUBJECT: Revision of Waste Discharge Requirements, Reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0047899 for Montecito Sanitary District, Santa Barbara County, Order No. R3-2012-0016

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Board Member Question:

Please provide a brief violation history summary under the existing permit for Montecito Sanitary District. Please also explain the significance of these violations for this facility.

Water Board Staff Response:

Water Board staff always includes a Compliance Summary Table in the Fact Sheet of each permit; Table F-5 can be found on page F-10. The following table summarizes the violations of effluent limitations based on data collected from June 2006 through July 2011.

Table F-5. Compliance Summary

Date	Monitoring Period	Violation Type	Pollutant	Reported Value	Permit Limitation	Units
5/2/2007	2 nd Quarter	7-Day Median	Total Coliform	30	23	MPN/100 mL
*1/27/2010	1 st Quarter	7-Day Median	Total Coliform	27	23	MPN/100 mL
*1/29/2010	1 st Quarter	7-Day Median	Total Coliform	27	23	MPN/100 mL
*2/1/2010	1 st Quarter	7-Day Median	Total Coliform	27	23	MPN/100 mL
*2/3/2010	1 st Quarter	7-Day Median	Total Coliform	27	23	MPN/100 mL
**7/9/2010	3 rd Quarter	Single Sample Maximum	Total Coliform	30,000	2,300	MPN/100 mL
*1/3/2011	1 st Quarter	7-Day Median	Total Coliform	30	23	MPN/100 mL
*2/14/2011	1 st Quarter	7-Day Median	Total Coliform	30	23	MPN/100 mL

- *Winter storm events-high plant flows
- **Contract Laboratory error-Dismissed

The Discharger violated numeric effluent limitations multiple times during the term of the previous Order. Most of the events were due to storm events and high influent flows. The total

coliform exceedance on July 9, 2010, was reported by the Discharger and discussed with Water Board staff. Water Board staff agreed that the reported value was not representative of actual conditions and did not require the Discharger to take corrective action.

The Water Board issues mandatory minimum penalties for effluent limit violations pursuant to California Water Code section 13385(i). As described in the State Water Resource Control Board's Water Quality Enforcement Policy: *A serious violation is any waste discharge that exceeds the effluent limit for a Group I pollutant by 40 percent or more, or a Group II pollutant by 20 percent or more. A non-serious violation occurs if the discharger violates an effluent limit four or more times in any period of 180 days.* Total Coliform is considered an "Other" pollutant, not in Group I or Group II, and violation of an effluent limit is considered a non-serious violation. Because the non-serious violation hasn't occurred four or more times in a 180-day period, Montecito Sanitary District is not subject to mandatory minimum penalties per California Water Code Section 13385(i).