

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

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF July 30, 2015
Prepared July 9, 2015

ITEM NUMBER: 10

**SUBJECT: Carpinteria Sanitation District, Administrative Civil
Liability Complaint No. R3-2015-0011**

CONTACT:

KEY INFORMATION

Discharger:	Carpinteria Sanitary District
Facility Name:	Wastewater Treatment Facility
Facility Address:	5351 Sixth Street Carpinteria, CA 93013 Santa Barbara County
Type of Waste:	Municipal wastewater
Treatment:	Effluent is treated to secondary treatment standards
Disposal:	Treated wastewater is discharged to the Pacific Ocean at a depth of approximately 25 feet through a
Facility Design Flow:	2.5 million gallons per day (MGD) (dry weather monthly average)
Existing Orders:	Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2011-0003, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0047364 (NPDES Permit); Sanitary Sewer Collection System Order 2006-0003-DWQ, (Sanitary Sewer Collection System Permit)
Requested Action:	Modify/Adopt Complaint No. R3-2015-0011.

Summary

The Board will continue the hearing begun on May 29, 2015 on the Administrative Civil Liability Order for Carpinteria Sanitary District. The Advisory Team distributed a revised draft Administrative Civil Liability Order to all parties on July 3, 2015. At this meeting, the Board will provide the parties with a chance to address the Board regarding the changes to the draft Administrative Civil Liability Order (Attachment 1), and then the Board will vote on the revised draft Administrative Civil Liability Order.

Background

At the May 29, 2015 Central Coast Water Board meeting, a draft Administrative Civil Liability Order for Carpinteria Sanitary District was presented to the Central Coast Water Board. The Prosecution Team presented information to support their recommendation for issuing an order for administrative civil liability against the Carpinteria Sanitary District, which included MMP's and a discretionary liability and staff costs. The administrative civil liability complaint alleged the Carpinteria Sanitation District committed several violations of their NPDES permit, Order No. R3-2011-0003, including a self-reported discharge of 281,250 gallons of non-chlorinated effluent to the Pacific Ocean on October 3, 2012. The Defendants responded with evidence indicating that the proposed penalty was too high and, in fact, should be considered a mandatory minimum penalty, reducing the penalty to a few thousand dollars. Board members, along with Advisory Team members, asked questions. There was no testimony from the public or other interested parties.

After the hearing was complete, the Board Chair closed the hearing and the Board went in to closed session to deliberate. After about two hours of deliberation, the Board reconvened and announced that a draft order would be presented for review and comment by the parties prior to the next Board meeting. The Advisory Team distributed a revised draft Administrative Civil Liability Order (Attachment 1) to all parties on July 3, 2015.

Conclusion

The Board will vote on the revised draft Administrative Civil Liability Order for Carpinteria Sanitary District.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Revised Draft Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2015-0011