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June 10, 2010

Mr. Luis G. Rivera  
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California RWQCB  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste. A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R1-2009-0046**

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA, OAKMONT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
WDID No. 1B782090SON**

Dear Mr. Rivera,

By this letter, the City responds to the May 26<sup>th</sup> letter from Mr. William Rodriguez of your staff and formally submits to the RWQCB a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) for Exclusionary Fencing at Various Santa Rosa Creek Crossings, a project with an estimated value of \$19,500 (project description attached). The City also submits the enclosed check in the amount of \$20,800 to the State Water Pollution Clean-up and Abatement Account. This SEP and check represent the result of settlement discussions between our respective Staffs and total the amount of \$40,300 to satisfy Administrative Civil Liability Compliant (ACLC) No. R1-2009-0046 as set forth in the May 26, 2010 letter.

The City wishes to express its gratitude for the dedication and diligence of Mr. William Rodriguez in the settlement of this action.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please contact Mr. Lynn M. Small, Deputy Director Environmental Services, of my staff at telephone number (707) 543-3350.

Miles A. Ferris  
Director of Utilities

Attachments

Supplemental Environmental Project  
for  
Oakmont Wastewater Treatment Plant WDID No. 1B782090SON  
Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2009-0046

Title:

Exclusionary Fencing at Various Santa Rosa Creek Crossings

Project:

The City is experiencing the presence of frequent encampments under creek crossings. Much debris and human waste must be regularly removed from these areas. This project would minimize impacts to creek water quality by installing minor structural improvements to creek undercrossings for prevention and elimination of human waste and other detritus from Santa Rosa Creek. Once this project is completed, it is anticipated that these areas will no longer be attractive for encampments because the protected flat areas will be inaccessible.

Nexus Criteria:

The Administrative Civil Liability Action for the Oakmont Treatment Plant identifies three discharges of either untreated or treated wastewater discharges to the upper reaches of Santa Rosa Creek. The proposed improvements are to three Santa Rosa Creek crossings in the middle reach of the stream. This project would help eliminate certain pollutants (human waste and detritus) from being introduced into Santa Rosa Creek.

Project Description:

Minor structural improvements to prevent encampments and associated waste will be constructed under three Santa Rosa Creek bridge undercrossings. The specific locations and work summaries are as follows:

- Stony Point Rd over Santa Rosa Creek – South Side
  - Installation of steel panels to prevent access to potential encampment area- Work will consist of bolting 10 foot lengths of heavy gauge expanded steel to the abutment and drape down over the sacked rip-rap, eliminating the flat area on top.
  - Estimated materials needed to cover a width of 80 feet with a 3.5 ft. of overlap = 23- 4x10' sheets for \$1500 plus labor = \$10,000
  
- Pierson St over Santa Rosa Creek – South Side
  - Placement of riprap on upper ledge to discourage encampments- The proposed solution is installing 1 to 2 layers of sacked rip-rap (placed by hand) to eliminate the ledge.
  - Estimated concrete riprap costs plus labor= \$2,500

- Montgomery Dr over Santa Rosa Creek – West end both North and South sides
  - Fencing off areas attractive for encampments- The proposed solution is fencing off these areas with expanded steel.
  - Estimated materials are 10 - 4'x8' sheets, fabrication and anchoring hardware - \$7,000

Project Administration and Cost:

The project will be administered by the City of Santa Rosa's Storm Water Section. The total project cost is estimated to be \$19,500. Currently, there is no other funding available to accomplish this project. A CEQA Notice of Exemption has been executed for these projects.

Project Schedule:

The projects are planned to be completed before December 2010. It is anticipated that the project will be bid as a purchase order. Once the purchase order is awarded it will take 2 to 3 weeks to order the materials. Project installation will be complete within two weeks of receiving construction materials.

Project Completion Report:

The City shall forward a report to the RWQCB upon completion of the project documenting the final design, construction and project cost.

## **Proposed Supplemental Environmental Project for Oakmont Treatment Plant ACL**

### **Stony Point Rd over Santa Rosa Creek – South Side**

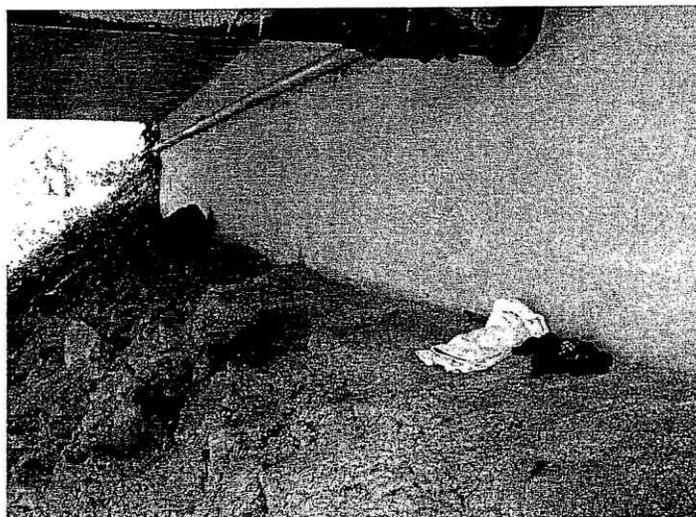
The problem at this location is a lot of trash and debris from homeless encampments. The proposed solution is to bolt 10' lengths of heavy gauge expanded steel to the abutment and have it drape down over the sacked rip-rap, eliminating the flat area on top.



### **Pierson St over Santa Rosa Creek – South Side**

The upper ledge shown below has been the encampment of a homeless man who has been living there for years. He sleeps under the bridge on the narrow ledge during inclement weather and on top of the bank upstream during good weather. Crews are constantly pulling bags of trash out of the water below this campsite.

The proposed solution is adding 1 to 2 layers of sacked rip-rap (placed by hand) to eliminate ledge.



**Montgomery Dr over Santa Rosa Creek – West end both North and South sides**

The various nooks and crannies around the abutment and on top of water main provide isolated encampment areas.

The proposed solution is fencing off these areas with expanded steel.

