

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2008
Fortuna River Lodge, Coho Room
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA

ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2008-0004 to consider adoption of an Administrative Civil Liability Order acknowledging penalty payment and completion of a Project to satisfy Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2007-0068 issued on August 14, 2007 to the City of Sebastopol

DISCUSSION

On August 14, 2007, Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2007-0068 was issued to the City of Sebastopol. The complaint proposed a civil liability of \$50,000 for violations of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region and the Statewide General Water Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems, Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ.

Issuance of the complaint was the result of discharges of untreated domestic wastewater from the City's Morris Street Pump Station from January 1 to January 4, 2006 and a sanitary sewer overflow from two manholes on Morris Street on April 21, 2007.

In response to the complaint, the City waived its right to a public hearing, agreed to pay \$17,500 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA), and proposed a Project to upgrade the Morris Street Pump station. The proposed Project will significantly improve the pumping capacity and reliability of the pumping station. Upon completion of the Project, the remaining \$32,500 civil liability will be permanently suspended.

The proposed order acknowledges the City's \$17,500 payment to the CAA on September 19, 2007 and contains a time schedule for completion of improvements to the pump station. All work, which includes the installation of three higher capacity pumps and a data system that will allow remote monitoring of their performance, will be completed by October 31, 2008.

The City is in agreement with the time schedule contained in the proposed order.

Recommendation: Adoption of Order No. R1-2008-0004 as proposed.