

Executive Officer's Summary Report
8:30 a.m., September 29, 2011
Regional Water Quality Control Board
David C. Joseph Hearing Room
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, California

ITEM: 11

SUBJECT: Enforcement Update

DISCUSSION

In May 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Board formed a dedicated enforcement unit charged initially with dealing with high priority enforcement cases and backlogged violations requiring *Mandatory Minimum Penalties* within the region. Since then the backlog of *Mandatory Minimum Penalties* has been largely eliminated and the unit's duties have expanded to include:

- At facilities discharging to surface waters, reviewing and taking appropriate enforcement actions on violations not subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties;
- Developing and using enforcement document templates;
- Reviewing and assessing the status of all open Cleanup and Abatement Orders in the region;
- Implementing the State's Enforcement Policy, including penalty calculation methodology;
- Developing and administering a complaint and enforcement tracking system for the region;
- Prioritizing potential enforcement cases; and
- Overseeing case development performed by other units.

Staff will update the board on the unit's recent accomplishments and ongoing efforts in the context of the *State's Enforcement Policy* and regional priorities.

This presentation will be the first of several on compliance assistance and enforcement in the region, and will serve to introduce the North Coast Region's enforcement program.

PRELIMINARY

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational item only.