

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
NORTH COAST REGION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WITH
OCCIDENTAL SANITATION DISTRICT
AND SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
OCCIDENTAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

FOR VIOLATIONS ALLEGED IN
COMPLAINT NO. R1-2014-0045

WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN
5:00 P.M., on December 1, 2015

On December 1, 2015, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Board) will consider approval of a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order (“Stipulation”) that describes a proposed settlement with the Occidental Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency (Discharger) to resolve violations subject to administrative civil liability alleged in Complaint No. R1-2014-0045.

The Complaint proposed that the Regional Water Board assess a mandatory minimum penalty in the amount of \$57,000 for 19 effluent limit violations that occurred at the Occidental Wastewater Treatment Facilities. The Stipulation also includes an additional 9 effluent limit violations that occurred since the Complaint was issued. The 9 additional violations are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty amount of \$27,000. The Stipulation includes the total civil liability amount of \$84,000. Exceedance of effluent limitations is a violation of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2012-0101 (NPDES Permit No. CA0023051). Both the proposed Stipulation and related documents are available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Persons may comment on the proposed settlement by submitting written comments so that they are received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2015. Comments can be submitted by email to Cecile Morris at Cecile.Morris@waterboards.ca.gov. Written comments should include “ACL Complaint No. R1-2014-0045” in the subject line. In the event that comments received during the public comment period warrant a hearing before the Regional Water Board, said hearing will be duly noticed on the Regional Water Board’s website for a subsequent Board meeting. In absence of substantive comments warranting a hearing, the Stipulated Order is expected to be signed by the Executive Officer and become a final Order. Please check the Regional Water Board’s website for any updates on this matter.

Shin-Roei Lee
Assistant Executive Officer

October 28, 2015