

ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 71-70
AND REQUIRING THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY
TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM DISCHARGING WASTES CONTRARY
TO REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NUMBER 72-1

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region finds:

- A. On March 19, 1959 this Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 301 prescribing discharge requirements covering the discharge of the City of Half Moon Bay from the Half Moon Bay sewage treatment plant.
- B. The discharge requirements provide, in part, as follows:
 1. "This waste discharge shall not cause any atmospheric odors recognizable as being of waste origin at any point outside the property of the discharger;"
 2. "This waste discharge shall not cause any oil, grease, scum, or other floating, suspended, or deposited material recognizable by eye as being of waste origin at any point in the receiving water or on adjacent beaches;"
 3. "No sample of the waste shall contain more than 1.0 ml/1/hr. of settleable solids;"
 4. "This waste shall, at all times, be adequately disinfected prior to discharge and, for the purpose of this requirement, adequate disinfection is any disinfection equivalent to the maintenance of the chlorine residual of at least 2.0 ppm in the primary effluent through a contact period of at least 30 minutes or which results in the reduction of the coliform density to an MPN of less than 10 per milliliter in any sample;"
- C. On February 25, 1971, this Regional Board adopted Order No. 71-11, requiring the City of Half Moon Bay to cease and desist from discharging wastes contrary to requirements listed as B2, 3 and 4 above.
- D. The Board received 32 complaints regarding odors caused by the treatment of waste at the Half Moon Bay treatment plant which indicated that the odor is injurious to health or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.
- E. Based on the number of complaints received, a considerable number of persons were affected by odors from the treatment facilities; such odors occurred during or as a result of the treatment or disposal of wastes.
- F. Inspection by Board staff and data submitted by the discharger indicated that the discharger was not complying with requirements for odor nuisance.

- G. By letters dated September 21, 1971; July 9, 1971; May 11, 1971; February 23, 1971; September 22, 1970; August 1, 1969; May 31, 1968; May 24, 1968; and April 15, 1968 the Regional Board notified the discharger of the violation of requirements and requested immediate action to eliminate such violations.
- H. On October 28, 1971 the Regional Board adopted Order No. 71-70 requiring the City of Half Moon Bay to cease and desist from discharging wastes contrary to requirements listed as B-1 and 2 above.
- I. On January 27, 1972 at 10:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the Contra Costa County Water District, 2700 Concord Avenue, Concord, California, after due notice to the discharger, and all other affected persons, the Regional Board conducted a public hearing at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.
- J. The discharger is threatening to violate requirements listed in B-1 above and has not demonstrated continuing compliance with the requirements listed in B-2 above.
- K. Any increase in the discharge of waste will further unreasonably impair water quality and will cause an increase in nuisance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

- A. The City of Half Moon Bay cease and desist forthwith from discharging wastes contrary to requirements listed in B-1 and B-2 above.
- B. Additional discharges to the City of Half Moon Bay's sewer system not discharging to the system prior to issuance of this order are prohibited subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The prohibition does not apply to buildings under construction as of February 25, 1971 or to permits issued prior to February 25, 1971.
 - 2. Additional connections to the sewer system may be permitted as a result of interim corrective measures only when the discharger satisfies the Regional Board that the loading on the receiving waters will not increase beyond the loading as of February 25, 1971; that nuisance will not be caused and that permanent works are clearly proceeding on a maximum accelerated schedule.
- C. The City is required to provide to the Board by February 15, 1972 and monthly thereafter a report, under penalty of perjury on their progress toward compliance with requirements.
- D. If the discharger fails to comply with this order, the Executive Officer is directed to request the Attorney General immediately to take the appropriate enforcement action against the discharger, including injunction and civil monetary remedies.
- E. This Board's Order No. 71-70 is hereby amended.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, at a meeting held on January 27, 1972.

Executive Officer