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RE: Proposed ACL No.R-2009-0040 for City of Laguna Beach

\$70,680 for 591,000 Gallon Sewage Spill on 10/29/2009

TO: SDRWQCB Staff & Board

DATE: August 22, 2009

Board Members:

The CWN!C supports the Staff recommendation of an Administrative Civil Liability in the sum of \$70,680.00.

Our only regret is that it isn't a greater amount because the City of Laguna Beach staff and City Council continue the posture of denying even partial culpability over serious eco-disasters.

Moreover, we wish that the Board could separately assess our City Manager in an equal amount for lying to local residents about sewage spills in publicly circulated documents.

In a sense he is claiming that SDRWQCB staff is lying or exaggerating. Here is a quote from our City Manager's Press Release dated August 21st in this matter: ***"Last October, the City's Bluebird sewer pump station developed an unpreventable piping malfunction and 590,000 gallons of sewage were released into the ocean."***

CWN!C will make every attempt to attend the hearing on November 10, 2009 to support the Board and Staff in this matter. We strongly believe, like USEPA, that ***Deterrence Drives Compliance.***

We also look forward to supporting the Revised NPDES for South Orange County when placed on the agenda and will repeat our vow to trail its approval through any State appellate procedures.

Respectfully,

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