

**ORDER NO. R2-2013-1034**  
**ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION**  
**AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING**

By signing below and returning this Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing (Acceptance and Waiver) to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), the West County Agency (Agency) and the City of Richmond (City ) hereby accept the “Offer to Participate in Expedited Payment Program” and waives the right to a hearing before the Regional Water Board to dispute the allegations of violations described in the Notice of Violation which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

The Agency and the City agree that the attached Exhibit A shall serve as a complaint pursuant to Article 2.5 of the California Water Code (CWC) and that no separate complaint is required for the Regional Water Board to assert jurisdiction over the alleged violations through its Assistant Executive Officer. The Agency and the City agree to pay the penalties authorized by CWC section 13385, which shall be deemed payment in full of any civil liability pursuant to the CWC sections 13385 and 13385.1 that otherwise might be assessed for the violations described in the attached Exhibit A.

The Agency and the City understand that this Acceptance and Waiver does not address or resolve liability for any violation that is not specifically identified in the attached Exhibit A.

Upon execution by the Agency and the City, the Acceptance and Waiver shall be returned to:

Expedited Payment Program  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Francisco Bay Region  
NPDES Enforcement Section, Regulatory Measure ID No. 393010  
Attention: Farhad Azimzadeh  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
Oakland, California 94612

The Agency and the City understand that federal regulations set forth at title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, section 123.27(d)(2)(iii) require the Regional Water Board to publish notice of and provide at least 30 days for public comment on any proposed resolution of an enforcement action. Accordingly, this Acceptance and Waiver, prior to execution by the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board, will be published as required by law for public comment.

If no comments are received within the notice period which causes the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board to reconsider the Expedited Payment Amount, the Executive Officer will execute the Acceptance and Waiver. Resolution of these violations by the Regional Water Board will preclude State Water Board action for these same violations.

The Agency and the City understand that if significant comments are received in opposition to the Expedited Payment Amount, the offer on behalf of the Regional Water Board to resolve the violations set forth in the attached Exhibit A may be withdrawn. In that circumstance, the Agency and the City will be advised of the withdrawal and an administrative civil liability complaint may be issued and the matter may be set for a hearing before the Regional Water Board or the State Water Board. For such a liability hearing the Agency and the City understand that this Acceptance and Waiver executed by the Agency and the City will be treated as a settlement communication and will not be used as evidence in that hearing.

The Agency and the City understand that once the Acceptance and Waiver is executed by the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board, payment of the amount in full no later than 30 days after the date of the Executive Officer's signature is a condition of this Acceptance and Waiver. The Agency and the City must submit its payment in full by check made out to "California Regional Water Quality Control Board" and sent to the address indicated above, together with a copy of this Acceptance and Waiver after execution by the Executive Officer.

We hereby affirm that we are duly authorized to act on behalf of and to bind the Agency and the City in the making and giving of this Acceptance and Waiver.

West County Agency

By: [Signature]  
(Signed Name)

9/25/13  
(Date)

EJ SHALABY  
(Printed or typed name)

Agency Manager  
(Title)

City of Richmond

By: Chad Davisson  
(Signed Name)

9/25/13  
(Date)

Chad Davisson  
(Printed or typed name)

General Mgr. RMSD  
(Title)

IT IS SO ORDERED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13385

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Bruce H. Wolfe  
Executive Officer  
Regional Water Quality Control Board

Note to the Agency and the City: Please return the signed waiver with Exhibit A, together.

Regulatory Measure ID: 393010

**EXHIBIT A  
Notice of Violation**

West County Agency and City of Richmond  
West County Agency Common Outfall for West County Wastewater District Treatment Plant  
located at 2377 Garden Tract Road and Richmond Municipal Sewer District No.1 Water  
Pollution Control Plant located at 601 Canal Boulevard, Richmond, Contra Costa County

**Mandatory Minimum Penalties without Regional Water Board Hearing**

The following table lists this facility's alleged permit exceedance of California Water Code (CWC) Sections 13385(h) and/or 13385(i) for which the Water Board has not assessed a mandatory minimum penalty. Final calculation of MMP amounts owed, and descriptions of the abbreviations that appear in the table are also listed in the table below.

No	CIWQS Violation ID No.	Date of Occurrence	1B1BEffluent Limitation Description (Unit)	Effluent Limit	Reported Value	Percent a Group I or Group II Pollutant is over Effluent Limitation	Type of Exceedance	CWC Section 13385(h) and/or (i) Required MMP
1	938174	08/27/2012	Total Coliform 5-Sample Median (MPN/100mL)	240	300		C1	
2	937174	08/28/2012	Total Coliform 5-Sample Median (MPN/100mL)	240	300		C2	
3	937175	08/29/2012	Total Coliform 5-Sample Median (MPN/100mL)	240	300		C3	
4	937177	08/30/2012	Total Coliform 5-Sample Median (MPN/100mL)	240	300		> C3	\$3,000
<b>Total</b>								<b>\$3,000</b>

**Legend for Table:**

CIWQS = California Integrated Water Quality System database used by the Water Boards to manage violation and enforcement activities.

Violation ID = Identification number assigned to a permit exceedance in CIWQS.

CWC = California Water Code.

C = Count – The number that follows represents the number of exceedances the Agency and the City have had in the past 180 days, including this violation. A count greater than three (> C3) means that a penalty under CWC Section 13385(i) applies.

S = Serious, which means that a penalty under CWC section 13385(h) applies when an effluent limitation is exceeded 40% or more for a Group I pollutant or 20% or more for a Group II pollutant.

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Place IDs: 215234 & 252657

WDID: 2 071107001