

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PENDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team issued a Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) on July 15, 2010. The Complaint alleges that the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (Discharger) is responsible for alleged violations of the California Water Code associated with 37 sanitary sewer overflows that occurred from the Discharger's sanitary sewer collection system at various locations between January 31, 2007, through January 31, 2010, and proposes that the Discharger pay \$348,400.

The Complaint and related documents, including the procedure for Water Board hearings (with deadlines for submitting comments), are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/pending_enforcement.shtml. The Prosecution Team may amend and re-notice its Complaint in response to comments from the Discharger or the public.

The Water Board will hold a hearing on October 13, 2010, to consider adoption of the ACL and/or referral of the matter to the Attorney General, unless the Discharger waives its right to a hearing within 90 days. The 90-day hearing requirement may be waived to pay the penalty as proposed, extend deadlines, or pursue settlement and/or a supplemental environmental project.

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