

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2004

Prepared August 18, 2004

ITEM: 14

**SUBJECT: MANDATORY PENALTY COMPLAINT NO. R3-2004-0103;
CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

KEY INFORMATION

Location: Chorro Valley, West of City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County
Discharge Type: Tertiary-treated domestic wastewater
Current Flow Rate: Annual average effluent flow in 2003 was ~1.09 million gallons per day (MGD)
Design Capacity: Average Dry Weather Flow of 1.2 MGD
Disposal: Discharge to Chorro Creek
Recycling: Irrigation of Dairy Creek Golf Course
Existing Order: WDR Order No. 01-001 (NPDES Permit No. CA0047856)

SUMMARY

Mandatory Penalty Complaint No. R3-2004-0103 (Attachment 1) was issued to California Department of Corrections, California Men's Colony (CMC) on June 16, 2004. The Complaint proposed assessment of a mandatory penalty of \$15,000 for various wastewater treatment plant effluent violations that occurred from July 1, 2002 through March 31, 2004. CMC waived their right to a hearing and paid the entire penalty amount on July 20, 2004. See Attachment 2 for a signed Waiver Form and Attachment 3 for proof of payment.

On May 26, 2004, CMC began construction of a new trunk sewer line and treatment plant, which should greatly decrease sewage spills, and improve treatment performance and reliability. The project contractor is required to complete the trunk sewer line within 270 days and the treatment plant within 730 days. Staff expects a significant decrease in the number and severity of effluent violations after completion of the treatment plant.

RECOMMENDATION

This matter is settled and no hearing will be held.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mandatory Penalty Complaint No. R3-2004-0103
2. Signed Waiver Form
3. Proof of Payment