

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

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20-21, 2025

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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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ACTION: Informational

SUMMARY

This staff report summarizes Central Coast Water Board enforcement actions taken from August 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Attachment 1 of this staff report includes the Enforcement Report consisting of Tables 1 through 5. Tables 1 through 4 summarize Central Coast Water Board enforcement actions issued from August 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024, and include final administrative civil liability orders (Table 1), expedited payment program letters (Table 2), time schedule orders (Table 3), and notices of violation covering various Central Coast Water Board programs (Table 4).

Table 5 in Attachment 1 summarizes alleged violations reported in the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) and the Storm Water Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS) from June 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024. Central Coast Water Board staff are currently reviewing the alleged violations that have not already been addressed to assess priorities for potential future enforcement.

A general description of the different types of enforcement actions Central Coast Water Board staff may take or recommend are provided in Attachment 2. Abbreviations and definitions used throughout the Enforcement Report are defined in Attachment 3. More detailed descriptions of each type of enforcement action are provided in the State Water Resources Control Board's 2024 Water Quality Enforcement Policy (2024 Enforcement Policy).¹

¹ State Water Board, 2024 Water Quality Enforcement Policy, effective November 7, 2024, https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/docs/2024/2024-enforcement-policy.pdf.

CONCLUSION

It is the enforcement team's overall goal to use the Central Coast Water Board enforcement priorities² to enhance the Water Boards' ability to focus and leverage its enforcement resources and to achieve the general deterrence needed to encourage the regulated community to anticipate, identify, and correct potential non-compliance issues before they occur. Central Coast Water Board enforcement staff will continue to prioritize violations and assist program staff with enforcement cases guided by the enforcement priorities and in alignment with the Board's direction to advance environmental justice and build climate change resiliency.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Enforcement Report
2. Enforcement Action Descriptions
3. Enforcement Report Abbreviations and Definitions

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² Central Coast Water Board enforcement priorities are at the following web address: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/enforcement/ and the staff report that describes the annual update of the Central Coast Water Board enforcement program priorities is available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2024/jun/item10_stfrpt.pdf.