

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

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26-27, 2026

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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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ACTION: Information/Discussion

SUMMARY

The Central Coast Water Board enforces environmental laws to ensure protection of human health, water quality, and the environment. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act gives the Water Boards the authority to implement and enforce water quality laws, regulations, policies, and plans to protect groundwater and surface waters of the State, consistent with the State Water Resources Control Board's 2024 Water Quality Enforcement Policy (2024 Enforcement Policy).¹ Timely and consistent enforcement of these laws is essential to the success of the Water Board regulatory programs in protecting all beneficial uses of California's water and to ensure the people of the State have safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This staff report summarizes recent Central Coast Water Board enforcement actions taken from August 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Attachment 1 of this staff report includes the Enforcement Report consisting of Tables 1 through 4. Tables 1 through 3 summarize Central Coast Water Board enforcement actions issued from August 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, and include final

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.

administrative civil liability orders (Table 1), expedited payment program letters (Table 2), and notices of violation covering various Central Coast Water Board programs (Table 3). Table 4 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, 2025, to October 31, 2025. Central Coast Water Board staff are currently reviewing the alleged violations that have not 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 2024 Enforcement Policy.

CONCLUSION

Central Coast Water Board enforcement staff continue to prioritize enforcement actions aligning with the Central Coast Water Board's region-specific enforcement priorities. The enforcement team has focused enforcement actions to address violations that impact water quality in Underrepresented Communities and violations that pose a significant threat to human health, including impacts to drinking water supplies, and to the environment. It is the enforcement team's goal to enhance the Central Coast Water Boards' ability to leverage its enforcement resources to achieve the general deterrence needed to encourage the regulated community to anticipate, identify, and correct potential non-compliance issues before they occur and to assist in finding opportunities for communities to build climate change resiliency. The enforcement team is also focused on making sure that the regulated community corrects violations and prevents them from occurring in the future and ensuring that non-compliant members of the public don't realize a significant economic benefit and/or competitive economic advantage over compliant members of the regulated public. For more information about the Central Coast Water Board's Enforcement Program, please visit the Enforcement Program website.²

ATTACHMENTS

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

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² Central Coast Water Board Enforcement Program website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/enforcement/