

American River Natural History Association

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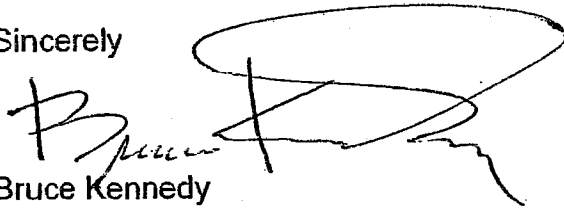
It has come to our attention that there is a long history of inadequate management of the sewage treatment plant owned and operated by the City of Colfax. Apparently, spillage and leakage of untreated sewerage into a waterway which is a tributary of the American River is a common occurrence. The result, of course, is unwarranted pollution of the American River itself.

The American River Natural History Association, a non-profit charitable organization operating under the auspices of the County of Sacramento, exists to interpret the natural and cultural history of the lower American River and the parkway which exists on both sides. The Association is concerned that the above-noted pollution of the river's waters diminishes the value of the river and the river corridor, and impairs the work of the Association.

The Association urges the Board to investigate the management of the Colfax sewage treatment plan and to take strong action against the City in any and all instances of past and current sewage discharge into a public waterway. The improvement of plant management, and of the plant facility itself, should be required on an expedited basis. The renewal of the operating license for this plant should not be done until the City is in compliance with all relevant water quality laws and regulations. Future monitoring by the board should be frequent and strict.

Thank you for your attention to this problem and to the Association's requests.

Sincerely



Bruce Kennedy
Association Board

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