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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

15 July 2016

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Mr. Joe Picotte  
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City of Alturas  
200 W. North Street  
Alturas, CA 96101

WDID No. 5A25010001

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R5-2016-0538 FOR ASSESSMENT OF MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES, CITY OF ALTURAS, ALTURAS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, MODOC COUNTY**

Enclosed is an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (Complaint), issued pursuant to California Water Code section 13385, for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2014-0033 (NPDES Permit No. CA0078921) by the City of Alturas. The Complaint charges the City of Alturas with administrative civil liability in the amount of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)**, which represents the sum of the statutory Mandatory Minimum Penalties for effluent violations from 30 June 2015 through 31 July 2015.

The City of Alturas has the right to a hearing before the Central Valley Water Board within 90 days of the service of the Complaint. The City of Alturas may agree to pay the administrative civil liability and waive its right to a hearing before the Central Valley Water Board or may contest the Complaint and exercise its right to a hearing within 90 days of the date of the Complaint. If the City of Alturas chooses to waive its right to a hearing and settle the Complaint, then a duly authorized agent must sign the enclosed waiver and submit it to this office by **12 August 2016**. The Complaint will be considered settled pending a 30-day public comment period, tolled from the date of this Complaint, during which time interested parties may comment on this action by submitting information to this office, attention Jeremy M. Pagan.

If the Regional Water Board does not receive a waiver and payment for the full amount by **12 August 2016**, then a hearing will be scheduled for the **13/14 October 2016** Central Valley Water Board meeting in Redding. Specific notice about this hearing and its procedures will be provided under separate cover.

Any comments concerning the enclosed Complaint must be submitted to this office, attention Jeremy M. Pagan, so that they are received no later than **5 p.m. on 12 August 2016**. If the Central Valley Water Board does not hold a hearing on the matter, and the terms of the final settlement are not significantly different from those proposed in the enclosed Complaint, then there will not be additional opportunities for public comment on the proposed settlement. Written materials received after **5 p.m. on 12 August 2016** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

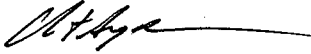
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If you have any questions or comments regarding the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint, please contact Jeremy M. Pagan at (530) 224-4845.



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Assistant Executive Officer

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Enclosures: Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R5-2016-0538

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w/o encl: Central Valley Water Board Members, Rancho Cordova  
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