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**NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER BOARD FINES CRESCENT CITY
\$125,000 FOR SEWAGE VIOLATIONS**

SANTA ROSA The North Coast Regional Water Board has approved a \$125,000 fine against the City of Crescent City for discharging inadequately disinfected waste water and for storm overflows from its sanitary sewer system. The Regional Water Board order imposed the fine for violations between January 1, 2000 and May 31, 2007. The order requires the city to pay \$30,500 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) with the remaining balance of \$94,500 to be offset by a pump upgrade project and a disinfection compliance project.

On August 31, 2007, the City paid \$30,500 into the CAA. The compliance project, which is to be completed by January 2009 will upgrade the disinfection system of the wastewater plant from chlorine disinfection to ultraviolet (UV) light disinfection. UV disinfection is a safer and cleaner technology. The project is scheduled for completion in 2010. It will be part of the City's general wastewater plant upgrade.

An additional project included in the order is a proposed pumping upgrade to the wastewater plant. This project is to be completed by August 2009. It will upgrade the influent pumping capacity to 18 million gallons per day, thus reducing sewer backups and overflows. Upon satisfactory completion of the disinfection compliance project and the pump upgrade project the balance of the penalty will be permanently suspended and no further payment will be required.

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