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NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER BOARD FINES THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR SEWAGE VIOLATIONS

SANTA ROSA— Today, the North Coast Regional Water Board fined the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No.1 for discharges of partially treated and untreated wastewater from its sanitary sewer system. The Regional Water Board imposed a penalty of \$56,000 for violations between January 1, 2003 and October 31, 2007. Violations were caused by insufficient waste treatment and the deteriorated condition of the Pudding Creek force main. The Order requires a payment of \$20,500 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) with the remaining balance of \$35,500 to be offset by installation of a leak-detection alarm system.

On February 5, 2008, the Discharger paid \$10,500 into the CAA and has agreed to pay the balance by July 31, 2008. The leak-detection project is to be completed by October 31, 2008. It will add an alarm system to the pipeline placed on the Pudding Creek bridge span. The alarm system will further protect Pudding Creek and beach areas from future leaks. Upon satisfactory completion of the project, the balance of the penalty will be permanently suspended and no further payment will be required.

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