

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2011-0008
NPDES No. CA0024058
WDID No. 1B820450SON

For
Sonoma County Water Agency and
Russian River County Sanitation District

Sonoma County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) proposes to adopt Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2011-0008 for the Sonoma County Water Agency and Russian River County Sanitation District (Dischargers). The Complaint proposed that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) assess a civil liability in the amount of \$45,000 for violations of effluent limits. The violations described in the Order occurred between June 1, 2007 and May 31, 2009, and were subject to mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs). Subsequent comments from the Dischargers and further review by Regional Water Board staff resulted in a revised penalty amount of \$57,000, as described in the proposed Order. The Dischargers proposed to apply a portion of the proposed administrative civil liability towards completion of a compliance project (CP). Specifically, the proposed CP will involve an upgrade of the Dischargers' WWTF disinfection system from chlorine disinfection to ultraviolet (UV) disinfection. This item was previously noticed for public comment from November 17, 2010 through December 17, 2010.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed modification of waste discharge requirements is scheduled for April 19, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., in Sacramento, California, or as announced in the State Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Building, located at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California.

Document Review

The tentative Order, related documents, comments received by the Regional Water Board and Regional Water Board responses to comments are on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. These documents may also be viewed at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

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