

Executive Officer's Summary Report
8:30 a.m., April 19, 2011
Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

ITEM:

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2011-0008 to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify an Order imposing Administrative Civil Liability, settling Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2010-0011, for **Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency**, WDID No. 1B820450SON

DISCUSSION

On January 14, 2010, the Regional Water Board Assistant Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2010-0011, assessing an administrative civil liability of \$45,000 against Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency (Dischargers) for violations of effluent limitations contained in Waste Discharge Requirements Order Nos. R1-2003-0026 and R1-2009-0003, which also serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. 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, led to a revised penalty amount of \$57,000, as described in the proposed Order.

By letter dated February 8, 2010, 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. Also included with the February 8, 2010 letter, the Dischargers submitted a payment of \$6,000 payable to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account. The ACL Order under consideration affirms the \$57,000 penalty, acknowledges the Dischargers' \$6,000 payment, and provides a detailed time schedule for implementation of the Dischargers' CP.

No comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

PRELIMINARY STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2011-0008 for Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency