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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$144,000 IN COMPLAINTS FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES

SACRAMENTO -The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued \$144,000 in Administrative Civil Liability complaints for assessment of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs), for eight facilities in the Central Valley.

The El Dorado Irrigation District faces \$3,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its El Dorado Hills wastewater treatment plant. Between August 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010, the effluent limit for alpha-BHC was exceeded one time. Treated wastewater is discharged to Carson Creek, a water of the United States and tributary to the Cosumnes River.

The State Department of Parks and Recreation faces \$54,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations from discharges from the Empire Mine State Historic Park. From August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, there were 18 violations of the effluent limitations for dissolved oxygen, color, turbidity, iron, manganese, arsenic, pH, and total suspended solids. Wastewater is discharged from a constructed mine drain to an unnamed tributary to the South Fork of Wolf Creek, which is tributary to the South Fork of Wolf Creek, which in turn is tributary to Wolf Creek and the Bear River.

The City of Rio Vista faces \$3,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its Beach wastewater treatment plant. Between February 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010, the effluent limit for chlorine was violated one time. Treated wastewater is discharged to the Sacramento River.

The University of California at Davis faces \$9,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its municipal wastewater treatment plant. From August 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010, the effluent limit for total coliform was violated six times. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to South Fork Putah Creek, a water of the United States.

The City of Woodland faces \$3,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant. Between April 1, 2008 and September 30, 2010, the effluent limit for total coliform was violated four times and the limit for selenium was violated three times. Only one of these violations is subject to MMPs. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to Tule Canal within the Yolo Bypass.

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The City of Auburn faces \$15,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant. For the month of September 2010, the chloroform and zinc effluent limits were violated once each, and the aluminum effluent limit was violated four times. Treated wastewater is discharged to Auburn Ravine, which is tributary to the Sacramento River.

Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1 faces \$36,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant that serves the unincorporated area of North Auburn. Between July 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010, the District violated the effluent limits for nitrite plus nitrate four times, chloroform five times, ammonia twice, and bromodichloromethane once. Treated wastewater is discharged to Rock Creek, which is tributary to the Bear River and the Sacramento River.

The City of Stockton faces \$18,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant. Between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010, the effluent limit for cyanide was violated six times, the limit for ammonia was violated once, and the limit for chlorine was violated once. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to the San Joaquin River.

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners faces \$6,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its Elmira groundwater remediation system. In May and June 2004, the effluent limit for total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline was violated once, and the effluent limitation for MTBE was violated once. Treated groundwater is discharged to the Delta.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The Board may consider the complaints at its regular public board meeting on April 6, 7, or 8, 2011.