



Enforcement News

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

SANTA ANA WATER BOARD SETTLEMENT AMOUNTS TO \$314,981 IN FINES AGAINST CALTRANS, SANBAG, MCM CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND SKANSKA-RADOS

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RIVERSIDE - The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board has settled an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACLC) issued to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), MCM Construction, Inc., and Skanska-Rados, a joint venture. These entities (jointly referred to as the Dischargers) are alleged to have violated the California Water Code and the federal Clean Water Act by discharging sediment-laden storm water to local creeks that flow into the Santa Ana River. They have agreed to pay a combined total civil liability of \$314,981 for the alleged violations.

This enforcement action pertains to the violations during the construction activities related to the Interstate 215 widening project in the City of San Bernardino. The Dischargers failed to comply with various provisions of the Permits and discharged storm water containing pollutants (sediment) from the project site to Lytle Creek and Warm Creek, which are tributary to the Santa Ana River. The discharge of sediment to surface waters is harmful to benthic organisms, fish and aquatic fauna, and hinders photosynthesis and normal aquatic plant growth and development. The Dischargers are directly or indirectly responsible for the construction activities at this project site. These construction activities are regulated under the Caltrans Storm Water Permit and the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (the Permits).

The Settlement Agreements can be viewed at the following website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/public_notices/docs/TR8_11_039.pdf
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/public_notices/docs/TR8_11_040.pdf

The Santa Ana Regional Water Board is a state agency responsible for the protection and the enhancement of the quality of ground and surface waters within parts of the southwestern San Bernardino County, western Riverside County and northwestern Orange County.

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<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/>