



# Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Cambria Community Services District Agrees to Sewage Spill Penalty

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The Cambria Community Services District has agreed to pay a penalty of \$226,826.60 to the Central Coast Water Board to settle clean water violations related to three sewage spills that occurred in 2011.

The spills occurred in January, October, and December 2011 and totaled about 370,000 gallons.

"The Water Board takes these types of wastewater violations seriously and is committed to following up with appropriate enforcement. We also appreciate the district's willingness to accept responsibility and make needed improvements to its infrastructure," said Michael Thomas, the Central Coast Water Board's assistant executive officer.

The district will pay half of the penalty to the state Cleanup and Abatement Fund. The other half will go toward a project by the district to evaluate improvements to the wastewater treatment facility to remove nitrogen and produce recycled water.

The settlement agreement and other documents are available for public review on the Central Coast Water Board's website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/enforcement/index.shtml)

Central Coast Water Board staff will accept comments on the proposed settlement until February 10, 2014. Staff will then present the settlement to the Central Coast Water Board for approval.

The State Water Resources Control Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore California's water resources and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. The Central Coast Water Board's vision is to have healthy watersheds. To learn more, please visit:

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