

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Central Coast Water Board, Grover Beach Settle Stormwater Discharge Report Violations

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The city of Grover Beach has agreed to pay a penalty of \$35,000 to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to settle violations of the Phase II Municipal Stormwater General Permit (General Permit).

The General Permit requires the city to implement a program to control stormwater pollution and report annually on its efforts. The city failed to submit annual reports for three years from 2010 to 2012, despite numerous written and telephone inquiries and reminders from Central Coast Water Board staff, including three notices of violation.

In March 2013, Central Coast Water Board staff conducted a limited compliance inspection of the city's Stormwater Management Program. Regional Water Board staff determined that city staff had not demonstrated progress toward developing and implementing an effective Stormwater Management Program. The city's failure to submit annual reports represents a systematic failure to implement its Stormwater Management Program.

The <u>settlement agreement</u> and other documents are available for public review on the Central Coast Water Board's website.

Central Coast Water Board staff will accept comments on the proposed settlement through March 12, 2014.

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 <u>Central Coast Water Board's</u> vision is to have healthy watersheds.

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