



# Media Release

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **Central Valley Water Board Proposes \$440,440 Penalty for Water Quality Issues at Yuba-Sutter Landfill**

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SACRAMENTO – The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has proposed a \$440,440 penalty against Recology, Inc. for water quality violations at its Yuba-Sutter Landfill near Marysville.

The Yuba-Sutter Landfill is a closed facility located next to the Yuba River where Recology operates a transfer station and a green waste composting facility on top of the old landfill. The site is regulated by the Central Valley Water Board through Waste Discharge Requirements and a Cleanup and Abatement Order.

The Cleanup and Abatement Order requires Recology to enhance its operations at the compost area to collect leachate generated from compost piles during rainstorms. Compost leachate contains high levels of salt, nitrogen, and oxygen-demanding substances, and can adversely affect groundwater and surface waters.

The Administrative Civil Liability Complaint alleges Recology failed to install an appropriately-sized leachate collection system by the mandated due date of October 1, 2014, and during the December 2014 storms, failed to collect all the leachate. The Complaint also alleges that Recology has still not installed the proper system. The Complaint is for violations of the Cleanup and Abatement Order.

Recology can either pay the penalty, enter into settlement discussions, or ask for the matter to be heard before the Central Valley Water Board at its April 16-17 meeting. If Recology enters into settlement agreement talks but does not reach a resolution, the Complaint will be heard at the April 16-17 meeting.

For more information, review the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint [here](#) under the Yuba County section.



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