

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT
STAFF: Michael T. Chee
MEETING DATE: September 15, 2004

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: **City of Petaluma, Water Pollution Control Plant, Petaluma, Sonoma County –**
Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty for Discharge of Partially
Treated Wastewater to Waters of the State

CHRONOLOGY: October 2000 -Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP)
February 2002 -MMP
August 2003 -MMP

DISCUSSION: The City of Petaluma Water Pollution Control Plant violated of its effluent limits on 35 occasions during the period between January 1, 2000, and April 30, 2004. Twenty-nine of these violations are subject to mandatory penalties for a total penalty of \$87,000.

Petaluma has waived its right to a Water Board hearing (Appendix B), and intends to undertake a supplemental environmental project (SEP). The proposed SEP is for the Wetland Habitat Studies Program (WHSP). WHSP will provide students and the general public with opportunities to tour and study upland habitats, ponds, freshwater marshes, tidal wetlands, and mudflats at Shollenberger Park that is located adjacent to the Petaluma Marsh and River. SEP funds will also assist the Casa Grande High School in developing a native plant nursery to provide plants for student planting within the Petaluma watershed. The attached complaint proposes civil liability in the amount of \$87,000, of which \$51,000 will be suspended to fund the SEP.

RECOMMEN-
DATIONS: *No action required.*

File No.: 2149.4006 (MTC)

Appendix: A. Complaint No. R2-2004-0041

Appendix: B. Signed waiver

Appendix A

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