CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PENDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION
COMPLAINT NO. R2-2009-0075
ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Water Board) Prosecution Team issued a Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability (ACL Complaint) on October 23, 2009. The Complaint alleges that the City of Pacifica (hereafter Discharger) is responsible for violations of the California Water Code associated with numerous sanitary sewer overflows and bypass violations, including substantial discharges in January 2008, as well as effluent and receiving water limit violations for the period of February 2006 through September 2008. These violations occurred throughout the Discharger's collection system and at the Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant (WWTP) located at 700 Coast Highway, Pacifica, CA. The Regional Water Board proposes that the Discharger pay $2,300,000. The Regional Water Board will hold a hearing to consider the adoption of Administrative Civil Liability Order and/or the referral of the matter to the Attorney General on January 13, 2010, unless the Discharger waives the right to a hearing. The Prosecution Team may amend its ACL Complaint in response to comments from the Discharger and the public. If the Discharger desires to settle the matter, the Discharger may be allowed to satisfy a portion of the ACL Order by contributing to a supplemental environmental project. The ACL Complaint and related documents are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. For additional information and updates, please contact Claudia Villacorta at 510-622-2485 or cvillacorta@waterboards.ca.gov or check the Regional Water Board's website.