STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING JULY 10, 2009

Prepared on June 18, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

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SUBJECT:

Enforcement Report

DISCUSSION

Violations Listing

Staff uses the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) to track Water Board data, including violations and enforcement actions. The following pages contain a list of violations generated from CIWQS that occurred between February 1, 2009, and March 31, 2009.

CIWQS is still a work in progress, and the attached report has some deficiencies. However, we are providing the report to demonstrate the current and future capabilities of CIWQS. This listing has improved and should continue to improve in future editions. CIWQS has a new sewer system overflow (SSO) module which provides better tracking and reporting of such spills.

Summary of Enforcement Activities

The following information summarizes significant enforcement action taken by the Water Board during the period between April 1, 2009, and May 31, 2009.

Notices of Violation

Cielo Vista Estates Wastewater Treatment Plant, Hollister, San Benito County

California Department of Transportation, Milpas to Hot Springs Highway 101 Expansion Project

City of Santa Maria, Discharges from 1220 West Main Street, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

None

Administrative Civil Liability Complaints

None

Administrative Civil Liability Settlements

R3-2008-0030 for Gilroy Unified School District, Gilroy, Santa Clara County

On June 25, 2008, the Water Board's Assistant Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R3-2008-0030 (Complaint), which proposed assessing liability of \$250,000 against the Gilroy Unified School District for alleged violations of the State Water Board's NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction (General Permit). Staff scheduled a hearing for the Board's consideration of the Complaint on December 4-5, 2008 (Item No. 13). On November 19, 2008, the Executive Officer granted the Discharger's request to remove the hearing

OES State Warning Center also called about "state of emergency" declaration and if we had more info. I also relayed that we were not the incident commanders in this situation. Sheila

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EPA permitted the discharge on 6/15/09 (see attached notification from county). Also, we have acute and chronic toxicity showing no effect post water treatment (minnows and fleas and algae).

Treatment, in series: pump rec ditch water into two 21,000 gal tanks to help drop sediment load some, then pump water into four 500 lb sand filters then into 1 micron bag filter then into 0.5 micron cartridge filter then into three 5,000 lb granular activated carbon canisters then back into the rec ditch. We should get a time estimate in the call tomorrow how long it will take to treat all 4.5 miles of 10 ft x 15 ft water in the ditch. (Max discharge rate is 750 gal/min if all is well)

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for Board information. The Board may provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Violation List

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