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## Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

### **Industrial Metal Fabrication Facility Fined \$57,784 for Failing to Submit Required Annual Stormwater Reports**

**ORANGE COUNTY** – Robinson Manufacturing, Inc., an industrial metal fabrication facility in the city of Placentia, was ordered on April 24, 2026 to pay \$57,784 by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) for failing to submit required Annual Reports required under the state’s stormwater Industrial General Permit.

Facilities enrolled in the Industrial General Permit must submit certified Annual Reports by July 15th each year. Robinson Manufacturing, Inc. submitted its 2021–2022 Annual Report 441 days after the deadline and has not submitted its 2022–2023 Annual Report as of the April 24, 2026 Santa Ana Water Board meeting. These reports provide essential information regarding stormwater controls, potential pollutant sources, and whether facilities are implementing required best management practices to protect water quality. Additionally, this facility is located within a disadvantaged community that experiences disproportionately high pollution burdens, underscoring the importance of full compliance and timely reporting.

During the two reporting years addressed in this enforcement action, Santa Ana Water Board staff issued multiple formal notices, sent multiple email reminders, and made several phone-call outreach attempts, yet the required reports were still not submitted on time. Due to Robinson Manufacturing Inc.’s continued non-compliance, an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (R8-2025-0017) evidentiary hearing was held on April 24, 2026. The Board decided to raise the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint penalty to include staff costs equaling \$7,784 and the Complaint was ultimately adopted.

The Board’s decision directed Robinson Manufacturing, Inc. to submit the outstanding Annual Reports and pay the \$57,784 penalty within 30 days. If Robinson Manufacturing, Inc. fails to do so, the Board could seek a judgment for the unpaid liability in Superior Court of Orange County.

*The Santa Ana region, which extends from the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains to the north and east, to Newport Bay along the coast, is one of the fastest growing areas of the state. Though geographically the smallest of the State Water Boards’ nine regions, the Santa Ana Water Board staff strives to protect, enhance, and restore water quality for almost 5 million Californians.*