

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT
STAFF: Joseph Ernest
MEETING DATE: March 17, 2004

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: **City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County** – Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty for Discharge of Partially Treated Wastewater to Waters of the State

CHRONOLGY: April 2002: Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) imposed

DISCUSSION: The City of Palo Alto violated its NPDES permit for its wastewater treatment plant six times during the period February 1 to June 30, 2002. Five of these violations are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty of \$3,000, for a total penalty of \$15,000.

The complaint (Appendix A) imposed a MMP on Palo Alto for \$15,000. Palo Alto has waived its right to a Board hearing (Appendix B) and intends to undertake a supplemental environmental project (SEP). The proposed SEP is for volunteer outreach and monitoring in Santa Clara County's Stevens Creek / Permanente Creek Watershed. The penalty will be suspended to fund the proposed SEP.

RECOMMEN-
DATION: No action required.

File No.: 2189.8011 (JE)

Appendix: A. Complaint No. R2-2003-0105
Appendix: B. Signed waiver

Appendix A

Appendix B

