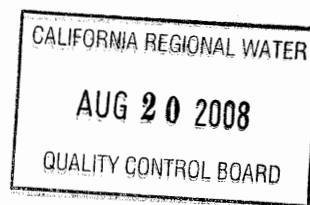


Lila Tang  
Regional Water Board  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
Oakland, CA 94612



Tuesday, August 19, 2008

Hello Ms. Tang,

Below is a note I've written to the local paper re the Mill Valley sewage spills. Bottom line: a fine punishes ME. I didn't do anything!

If Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin agrees to terminate the employees responsible for this, and come up with some mechanism for punishing the supervisors who clearly didn't train/supervise the employees, can you reconsider the fine? (Actually, even if you do fine me and my neighbors, \$1.6 million for something we couldn't control, can you please see that some heads at SASM roll. Otherwise the Bay will continue to have spills.)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Fridl".

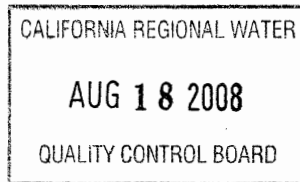
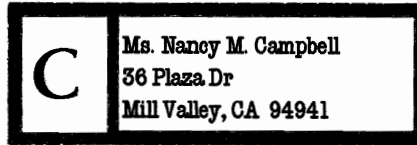
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== == my letter to Mill Valley Herald == ==

One key detail is missing in your story: who will actually pay the fine. I'm sure that the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin (SASM) will state that they have insurance, but most of us understand how insurance works - there's a deductible, and after the incident, the rates are adjusted to recapture the payment made. Bottom line: we, the residents, will pay for this.

OK - There's no way around that. But I would like to know how many people at SASM have lost their jobs over this ineptitude. If you work at a convenience store you'll get fired if your register drawer is off by \$50. I'm sure it's the same in a bank. What happens at Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin when there's ineptitude at this scale, polluting the Bay, and costing customers so much? How many of those responsible have been told to find another line of work?

Bill Fridl  
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August 15, 2008

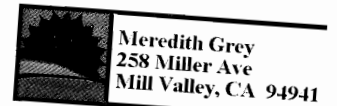
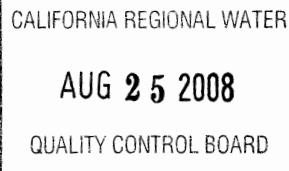
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Dear Ms. Tang,

The Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin deserves reprimand and oversight as they improve and repair the pump control system, enlarge holding capacity and set up functioning alarms.

However, I suggest directing them to pay for completing replacement and repairs of very old pipes and systems. We taxpayers cannot afford this high fine!

Sincerely,  
Nancy M. Campbell



Aug 20 2008

Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Lila Tang  
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Concerning the \$1.6 million fine your agency is asking of the Mill Valley Sewage Treatment Plant for spills released into S.F. Bay last January:

If so large a sum is taken away as a fine, where would the money be to make the Mill Valley Plant compliant with your guidelines?

Instead of a fine, I urge you to require the Mill Valley Plant to repair and improve its system (and personnel?) so it can function according to your standards.

Sincerely,

Meredith Grey  
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