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Ms. Yuri Won, Sr. Staff Counsel
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Re: Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R2-2014-1024
Unauthorized Chlorinated Water Discharge from Wild Horse Storage Tank, Novato,
Marin County
North Marin Water District Waiver Form

Dear Ms. Won:

Enclosed please find the waiver form for ACL Complaint R2-2014-1024
requesting Option 3, Engage in Settlement Discussions.

Sincerely,

Chris DeGabriele
General Manager

Enclosure

CC:
Robert Clark, Operations/Maintenance Supervisor, NMWD

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**WAIVER FORM
ACL COMPLAINT NO. R2-2014-1024**

By signing this waiver, I affirm and acknowledge the following:

I am duly authorized to represent North Marin Water District (hereinafter "Discharger") in connection with Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaint No. R2-2014-1024 (hereinafter the "Complaint"). I am informed that California Water Code section 13323, subdivision (b), states that, "a hearing before the regional board shall be conducted within 90 days after the party has been served with the complaint. The person who has been issued a complaint may waive the right to a hearing."

OPTION 1: PAY THE CIVIL LIABILITY

(Check here if the Discharger waives the hearing requirement and will pay the civil liability in full.)

- a. I hereby waive any right the Discharger may have to a hearing before the Regional Water Board.
- b. I certify that the Discharger will remit payment for the proposed civil liability in the full amount of **\$45,500** by check that references "ACL Complaint No. R2-2014-1024" made payable to the "San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board." Payment must be received by the Regional Water Board by October 20, 2014, or the Regional Water Board may adopt an Administrative Civil Liability Order requiring payment.
- c. I understand the payment of the above amount constitutes a proposed settlement of the Complaint, and that any settlement will not become final until after the 30-day public notice and comment period. Should the Regional Water Board receive significant new information or comments from any source (excluding the Regional Water Board Prosecution Team) during this comment period, the Regional Water Board's Assistant Executive Officer may withdraw the complaint, return payment, and issue a new complaint. I understand that this proposed settlement is subject to approval by the Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer, and that the Regional Water Board may consider this proposed settlement in a public meeting or hearing. I also understand that approval of the settlement will result in the Discharger having waived the right to contest the allegations in the Complaint and the imposition of civil liability.
- d. I understand that payment of the above amount is not a substitute for compliance with applicable laws and that continuing violations of the type alleged in the Complaint may subject the Discharger to further enforcement, including additional civil liability.

OPTION 2: REQUEST A TIME EXTENSION

(Check here if the Discharger waives the 90-day hearing requirement in order to extend the hearing date and/or hearing deadlines. Attach a separate sheet with the amount of additional time requested and the rationale.)

I hereby waive any right the Discharger may have to a hearing before the Regional Water Board within 90 days after service of the Complaint. By checking this box, the Discharger requests that the Regional Water Board delay the hearing and/or hearing deadlines so that the Discharger may have additional time to prepare for the hearing. It remains within the discretion of the Regional Water Board Advisory Team to approve the extension.

OPTION 3: ENGAGE IN SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

(Check here if the Discharger waives the 90-day hearing requirement in order to engage in settlement discussions.)

I hereby waive any right the Discharger may have to a hearing before the Regional Water Board within 90 days after service of the Complaint, but I reserve the ability to request a hearing in the future. I certify that the Discharger will contact the Regional Water Board Prosecution Team within five business days of submittal of this waiver to request that the Prosecution Team engage in settlement discussions to attempt to resolve the outstanding violation(s). As part of a settlement discussion, the Discharger may propose a supplemental environmental project to the extent such a project is authorized by law and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects, dated February 3, 2009. By checking this box, the Discharger requests that the Regional Water Board Advisory Team delay the hearing so that the Discharger and the Prosecution Team can discuss settlement. It remains within the discretion of the Regional Water Board Advisory Team to agree to delay the hearing. Any proposed settlement is subject to the conditions described above under "Option 1c and d."

OPTION 4: SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

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(Check here if the Discharger waives the hearing requirement and will submit a proposed supplemental environmental project. If the proposal is rejected, the Discharger will pay the civil liability in full.)

- a. I hereby waive any right the Discharger may have to a hearing before the Regional Water Board.
- b. I certify that the Regional Water Board Prosecution Team has authorized the Discharger to submit a proposed supplemental environmental project that costs up to the amount allowable in the State Water Board's Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects in lieu of payment of that amount of the proposed civil liability. I agree to submit the proposal [and the remainder of the proposed civil liability] within 60 days of the date of the Complaint. I understand that the proposal must conform to the requirements specified in the State Water Board's Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects. If I receive written notice from the Prosecution Team that the Discharger has failed to timely submit a proposal or that the Prosecution Team has rejected the proposal, I certify that the Discharger will remit payment of the proposed civil liability in full by check that references "ACL Complaint No. R2-2014-1024" made payable to the "San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board" within ten days of the notice. If payment is not timely received, the Regional Water Board may adopt an Administrative Civil Liability Order requiring payment.
- c. I understand the acceptance or rejection of the proposed supplemental environmental project and payment of the remainder of the proposed civil liability constitutes a proposed settlement of the Complaint, and that any settlement will not become final until after the 30-day public notice and comment period. Should the Regional Water Board receive significant new information or comments from any source (excluding the Regional Water Board Prosecution Team) during this comment period, the Regional Water Board's Assistant Executive Officer may withdraw the Complaint, return payment, and issue a new complaint. I understand that this proposed settlement is subject to approval by the Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer, and that the Regional Water Board may consider this proposed settlement in a public meeting or hearing. I also understand that approval of the settlement will result in the Discharger having waived the right to contest the allegations in the Complaint and the imposition of civil liability.
- d. I understand that payment of the above amount is not a substitute for compliance with applicable laws and that continuing violations of the type alleged in the Complaint may subject the Discharger to further enforcement, including additional civil liability.

CHRIS DEGABRIELE GENERAL MANAGER

(Print Name and Title)

Chris Degabriele

(Signature)

10/8/2014

(Date)