CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER in the matter of C&H Sugar Company, Inc. Contra Costa County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) Prosecution Team and C&H Sugar Company, Inc. have entered into a proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order. The proposal would impose an administrative civil liability against C&H Sugar Company, Inc. in the amount of \$734,000 for alleged violations of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and a technical order. The alleged violations include causing an odor nuisance in the town of Crockett, failure to meet effluent limitations, and failure to provide information on wastewater treatment reliability.

The proposal would allow \$374,000 to be suspended pending completion of a supplemental environmental project to fund the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District's Crockett Shoreline Flood Mitigation Project, which would restore the local habitat and improve water quality at the Carquinez Waterfront.

The proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order is available for review at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/pending_enforcement.html. Persons may comment on the proposal by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2025.

For additional information and updates, please contact Debbie Phan at debbie.phan@waterboards.ca.gov or check the Water Board website link cited above for documents and future developments associated with this matter.

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