

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

**ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY
ORDER NO. R3-2004-0025**

[Waste Discharger Identification No. 3 271017509]
Proposed for Consideration at the March 19, 2004 Meeting

Issued To

**Sonoma Pacific Company
261 Rianda Circle, Salinas
Monterey County**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, finds that:

1. On September 25, 2002, Sonoma Pacific Company (hereafter, Discharger) filed a Notice of Intent to comply with the terms of the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (General Permit).
2. The General Permit requires that an Annual Report for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (Annual Report) be submitted on or before July 1 of each year.
3. The Discharger has violated the General Permit by not submitting the 2002-2003 Annual Report by July 1, 2003, for which the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Regional Board) may impose civil liability under Section 13399.33 of the California Water Code.
4. Sonoma Pacific Company was involved in industrial activity during the reporting period, which requires coverage under the General Permit.
5. Pursuant the California Water Code, the Regional Board sent two Notice of Violation Letters to the Discharger for failure to submit the Annual Report.
6. Section 13399.33(c) of the California Water Code, provides that a person that fails to submit an annual report in accordance with Section 13399.31, shall be civilly liable in an amount not less than \$1,000.
7. This enforcement action is taken for the protection of the environment and as such is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, *et seq.*) in accordance with sections 15307 and 15308, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.
8. A hearing on this matter was held before the Regional Board on March 19, 2004, at 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, California. The Discharger, or the Discharger's representative(s), had the opportunity to be heard and to contest the allegations in the Complaint No. R3-2004-0025, which recommended the imposition of civil liability by the Regional Board.
9. At the hearing, the Regional Board considered whether to affirm or reject the proposed administrative liability, or whether to refer the matter to the Attorney General for recovery of judicial civil liability.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 13399 of the California Water Code, the Discharger is assessed a total civil liability of \$1,000, to be paid as follows:

1. The sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid to the Regional Water Quality Control Board by April 20, 2004.

The check is to be made payable to the State

Water Resources Control Board.

I, Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board on March 19, 2004.

Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer

Date