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**NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER BOARD FINES THE CITY OF
EUREKA \$72,000 FOR SEWAGE VIOLATIONS**

SANTA ROSA — Today, the North Coast Regional Water Board fined the City of Eureka for rain storm overflows from its sanitary sewer system. The Regional Water Board imposed a penalty of \$72,000 for violations between April 1, 2004 and January 31, 2008. The order requires the City pay \$26,000 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) by July 15, 2008, with the remaining balance of \$46,000 to be offset by two supplemental environmental projects (SEPs) and a sewer system upgrade project.

The City agreed to provide \$5,000 to Humboldt State University by July 30, 2008 in support of a Dioxin Forum that will be held later this year. The city also agreed to spend \$5,000 by September 30, 2008 toward the development and advertisement of a regional storm water hotline. Four different storm water hotlines will be consolidated into one regional line, facilitating public reporting of storm water overflows.

The required sewer system upgrade project, is scheduled to be completed by October 2008. It will replace 185 feet of sewer main and the associated city-owned laterals that route sewage to the H Street Lift Station. This project was chosen to satisfy discretionary penalties associated with sewer overflows and will reduce leaks into the sewage collection system that produce too much liquid for the system to handle during wet weather.

Upon satisfactory completion of the SEPs and sewer system upgrade project, the balance of the penalty will be suspended and no further payment will be required.

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