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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer Issues \$63,000 in Complaints for Water Quality Violations

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SACRAMENTO – Seven Central Valley wastewater dischargers face monetary penalties from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) for violations of the Clean Water Act.

The Executive Officer of the Board has issued \$63,000 in Administrative Civil Liability Complaints (ACLC) for assessment of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for the facilities.

- The City of Colusa faces \$3,000 in MMPs for two violations of the copper effluent limit. The violations occurred between January 2010 and December 2012. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to Powell Slough, which is a tributary to the Colusa Trough, the Colusa Basin Drain, and the Sacramento River.
- The Olivehurst Public Utility District was assessed \$6,000 for five violations of the coliform effluent limit, one violation of the nitrate limit, and one violation of the organochlorine limit. The violations occurred between December 2007 and December 2012. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged to the Western Pacific Interceptor Drainage Canal, which is a tributary to the Bear River.
- The River Highlands Community Services District and Yuba County were assessed \$15,000 for eight violations of the turbidity, coliform, ammonia, and settleable solids effluent limits. These violations took place between January 2008 and December 2012. Treated wastewater is discharged to Sanford Creek, which is a tributary of the Yuba River.
- The TNC Holding Company was assessed \$3,000 for two violations of the iron and nitrate effluent limits from its sturgeon farm. The violations took place between July 2010 and December 2012. Treated wastewater from the fish farm is discharged to the Cosumnes River.
- Yuba City was assessed \$6,000 for two violations of its settleable solids and diazinon effluent limits. The violations took place between March 2011 and December 2012. Treated wastewater is discharged to the Feather River.
- The Town of Discovery Bay was assessed a penalty of \$27,000 for 12 violations of the coliform effluent limit and two violations of the electrical conductivity limit. The violations took place

between March 2011 and February 2013. Treated wastewater is discharged to Old River, which is a tributary to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

- The Ironhouse Sanitary District in Contra Costa County was assessed \$3,000 for failure to submit one monitoring report in a timely manner. The violation took place between June 2008 and November 2012. Treated wastewater is discharged to the San Joaquin River.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for the preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The Board may consider the complaints at its regular public board meeting on July 26 or 27, 2013.

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