

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Greg Walker)  
MEETING DATE: June 15, 2005

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: **Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, Collection System Overflows, Contra Costa County** – Hearing to Consider Administrative Civil Liability for the Discharge of Untreated Wastewater to Waters of the State

CHRONOLOGY: The Water Board has not taken any previous enforcement action concerning the overflows listed in the State Report (Appendix A). In 1998, the Water issued a \$55,700 administrative civil liability (ACL) for the February 12, 1998, release of approximately 1 million gallons of raw sewage to San Pablo Creek due to failure of the District's Orinda Crossroads pumping station.

DISCUSSION: During the period beginning January 2000 through December 2004, the District had 28 incidences of unauthorized discharges, totaling 274,375 gallons, of untreated sewage from its collection system to waters of the state; of the total, 97,175 gallons were unrecovered. The ACL amount is \$165,000, which includes \$10,000 in staff cost. The District intends to implement supplemental environmental projects (SEP) in an amount equivalent to \$155,000 in lieu of an equal amount of the ACL penalty, as described in its June 1 letter (Appendix C).

The District has signed the waiver to a Board hearing (Appendix B); thus, no hearing of the ACL is necessary.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION: No action required

File No.: 2119.1008

Appendices: A. Complaint No. R2-2004-0098 and staff report  
B. Signed waiver  
C. Correspondence