



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region



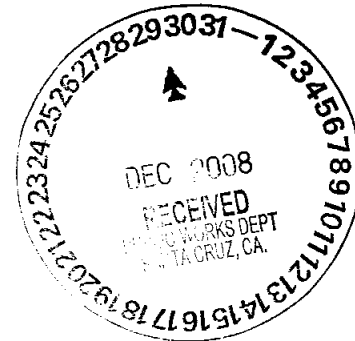
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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

December 19, 2008

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Dear Mr. Bolich:

SECOND TECHNICAL REPORT AND COMPLIANCE TIME SCHEDULE, BOULDER CREEK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (CSA NO. 7), SANTA CRUZ COUNTY - ORDER NO. 01-034

A December 5, 2005 letter to you from the Executive Officer includes the following statements:

"The force main between CSA No. 7's treatment plant and leachfields has failed many times over the past several years, spilling secondary-treated domestic wastewater into Boulder Creek. Prohibition No. 2 in Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 01-034 states, 'Discharge to areas other than designated reclamation areas and leachfield disposal areas is prohibited.' Therefore, spills from the force main violate WDRs Order No. 01-034.

Therefore, in accordance with California Water Code Section 13267(b), the County of Santa Cruz (County) is required, **by February 6, 2006**, to submit, for the approval of the Executive Officer, a technical report describing how the County proposes to eliminate spills from the force main. The technical report shall include a proposed time schedule whereby the County will achieve compliance with WDRs Order No. 01-034 and a proposed rate structure whereby the residents of CSA No. 7 shall finance the proposed measures."

The statements above demonstrate that spills from the force main would violate requirements included in Order No. 01-034 and require a time schedule describing the milestones whereby you will return to compliance.

Subsequently, we received the following correspondence from County staff:

- A January 30, 2006 letter in response to the Executive Officer's requirement that you submit a technical report; the response included compliance a time schedule that ended with construction of a new force main by August 2008.
- An October 13, 2006 draft letter to Rachél Lather from John A Larson, a mechanical engineer registered in California. The letter included an analysis of the force main and recommended two alternative courses of action.
- A report describing an October 16, 2006 meeting with users of the treatment plant. The report states that the users received the engineer's report positively and that a number of funding options were discussed. The report concludes with several tasks assigned to various County staff.

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Additionally, our review of the list of activities posted on the County's website found that you have apparently changed the scope of work for replacing the force main as described in your January 2006 letter. The change includes upgrading the treatment plant to provide tertiary-treated reclaimed water for golf course irrigation. However, the list of activities on your website ends with the Freitas and Freitas preliminary engineering report for the plant upgrade.

Since October 16, 2006, we have received no written communication from you describing progress toward replacement or repair of the force main. However, we received reports of spills on March 7, 2007 and March 15, 2007, both of which resulted from force main failures. Our records also include October 3, 2008 and October 7, 2008 spills from a pump station associated with the treatment and disposal system. Each of these spills violates Prohibition No. 2, included in Order No. 01-034.

The spills demonstrate that the County of Santa Cruz remains in violation of Order No. 01-034. Therefore, in accordance with California Water Code section 13267(b), **by January 22, 2009**, you are required to submit a technical report for the approval of the Executive Officer. The technical report shall describe the measures you will employ to return to compliance, a time schedule of milestones of the corrective measures, and a schedule of status reports to the Executive Officer of your progress toward regaining compliance.

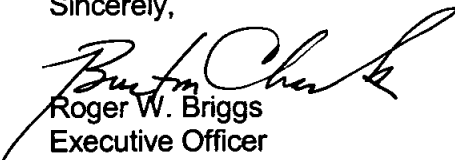
The Water Board requires the technical report pursuant to Section 13267 of the California Water Code. Pursuant to Section 13268 of the Water Code, a violation of a requirement made pursuant to CWC section 13267 may subject you to civil liability of up to \$1,000 per day for each day in which the violation occurs.

The Water Board needs the required information to evaluate your compliance with waste discharge requirements. You are required to submit this information because of violations of Order 01-0343. Additional information is available in the Water Board's public file on this matter.

Any person affected by this action of the Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to review the action in accordance with Section 13320 of the California Water Code and Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2050. The petition must be received by the State Board, Office of Chief Counsel, P.O.Box 100 Sacramento, 95812 within 30 days of the date of this order. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions will be provided upon request.

If you have questions, please contact **Michael Higgins at (805) 542-4649** (mhiggins@waterboards.ca.gov) or Burton Chadwick at (805) 542-4786.

Sincerely,


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Executive Officer

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1	DIRECTOR	✓	
2	ASST. DIR. SPEC. SVCS.	✓	
	RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE		
	LANDFILL OPERATIONS		
	WATER CON/FLOOD CONT.		
	STORM WATER MANG.		
	CONSTRUCT. ENG.		
3	SANITATION ENG.	✓	
	WATER & WASTEWATER		
	ASST. DIR. TRANSPORT.		
	ROAD OPS. ENG.		
	PERMITS/ENCROACH.		
	DRAINAGE OPERATIONS		
	RD. MAINT. OPERATIONS		
	RDA ENG.		
	ROAD DESIGN ENG.		
	SURVEY/DEVELOPMT.		
	TRANSP/RD. PLANNING		
	ASST. DIR. ADMIN. SVCS.		
	REAL PROPERTY/FLEET		
	CSA/PRGM ADMIN.		
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