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April 6, 2005

MR. MICHAEL HIGGINS
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL BOARD
Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5414

SUBJECT: SEWAGE SPILL - COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 7
BIG BASIN HIGHWAY/LUCILLE COURT, BOULDER CREEK

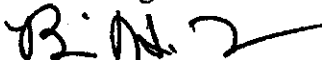
Dear Mr. Higgins:

Attached is a spill report concerning a sewage spill that occurred in Santa Cruz County Service Area No. 7 on March 31, 2005. The County's treatment plant operator reported a pump hour anomaly that, after further investigation, led to the discovery of a leak in the force main above Highway 236. Operations immediately took steps to prevent further leakage and have hired a contractor to perform repairs. Additional information is included in the attached report.

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Yours truly,

THOMAS L. BOLICH
District Engineer

By: 

Brian H. Turpen
Assistant Public Works Director

RCB:rw
Copy to:

Board of Supervisors (w/a)
John Ricker, Environmental Health (w/a)
Susann Rogberg, Program Administrator (w/a)
Rachèl Lather, Sanitation Engineering (w/a)
Water and Wastewater (w/a)

Attachment:
rwqcb-cs

California Regional Water Quality Control Board., Central Coast Region

SEWAGE OVERFLOW REPORT


(Include all available details (use attachments as needed) - submit follow-up written reports as necessary)

Reporting Party	Santa Cruz County	Phone	(831) 464-5462
Discharger	CSA#7	Phone	(831) 464-5462
Address	2750 Lode Street	City	Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Date of Overflow: 03/31/05	Time Overflow Identified: 09:00 a.m. 3/31/05	Time Overflow Stopped: 10:30 a.m. 3/31/05
Responding Crew:	Gary Dubinsky, Steve Smith, Scott St. Denis, Sean Mathis.	
Location/Address of Overflow Origin:	Big Basin Hwy and Lucille Court, Boulder Creek.	
Volume of Overflow (Gallons): 56,480	Path of Overflow: Down bank to Boulder Creek.	
Waterbody/Bodies Affected: Boulder Creek		
Cause of Overflow: Broken force main pipe. Discovered amount of overflow according to pump hour differential between two pump stations involved.		

Action Taken To Stop Overflow: Bypass incoming flow to equalization tank, contacted contractor to repair pipe.	
Time Cleanup Began: 10:30 a.m. 3/31/05	Time Cleanup Complete: 10:30 a.m. 3/31/05
Discussion Of Cleanup: Clear water non-necessary	
Were Public Health Warnings Posted, And If So, Where? n/a	Number Of Overflows In Same Location In Last Three Years? 2
Discussion Of Measures Taken To Prevent Overflows At This Time: Replace broken pipe with section of steel pipe.	

Agencies Notified: Name/Time/Dates:	Netcom: Jim Rock 12:40 p.m. 3/31/05	County Env. Health: Carol Lang 1:08 p.m. 3/31/05
RWQCB: Left Message 12:45 p.m. 3/31/05	County Board of Supervisors: n/a	O.E.S.: Bob McRay 1:15 p.m. 3/31/05
Fish & Game: Theresa 1:20 p.m. 3/31/05	Santa Cruz Water Treatment Doug Woodall 11:30 a.m. 3/31/05	

SIGNATURE/TITLE 	DATE 4/1/05
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