



# County of Santa Cruz

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November 10, 2005

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

SUBJECT: SEWAGE SPILL - COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 7  
BOULDER CREEK PUMP STATION #3

Dear Mr. Higgins:

Attached is a spill report concerning a sewage spill of treated effluent that occurred in Santa Cruz County Service Area No. 7 that we believe began on October 31, 2005. The apparent one day delay in reporting is due to the fact that we discovered the leaking force main the day after we believe it began. The reason the spill was not noted the previous day was due to the fact that the moisture near the manhole was thought to be early morning moisture, tree drippings, and the fact that the pump was not operating at the time the operator was nearby performing routine daily functions. The subsequent discovery the next day led us to believe that the spill may have begun the previous day, thus the appearance of late reporting.

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

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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)

Attachment:

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## 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)*

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

<b>Date of Overflow:</b> 10/31/05	<b>Time Overflow Began:</b> 3:30 p.m. 10/31/05	<b>Time Overflow Stopped:</b> 08:00 a.m. 11/01/05
<b>Responding Crew:</b>	Gary Dubinsky, Scott St. Denis	
<b>Location/Address of Overflow Origin:</b>	Boulder Creek #3 Pump Station at Hwy. 236 Near Fallen Leaf Drive.	
<b>Volume of Overflow (Gallons):</b> 655	<b>Path of Overflow:</b> Into ground around pump station, checked area and found no problem nearby.	
<b>Waterbody/Bodies Affected:</b> None		
<b>Cause of Overflow:</b> Broken force main pipe at outflow end of pump station.		

<b>Action Taken To Stop Overflow:</b> Turned off pump station to stop flow to leach field and started hauling effluent from equalization tank.	
<b>Time Cleanup Began:</b> n/a	<b>Time Cleanup Complete:</b> n/a
<b>Discussion Of Cleanup:</b> No solids present. Water percolated into ground.	
<b>Were Public Health Warnings Posted, And If So, Where?</b> No	<b>Number Of Overflows In Same Location In Last Three Years?</b> 0 - spills at manhole
<b>Discussion Of Measures Taken To Prevent Overflows At This Time:</b> Repair force main.	

<b>Agencies Notified:</b> Name/Time/Dates:	<b>Netcom:</b>	<b>County Env. Health:</b> Rick Jones 10:41 a.m. 11/2/05 (message)
<b>RWQCB:</b> Michael Higgins 10:44 a.m. 11/2/05	<b>County Board of Supervisors:</b>	<b>O.E.S.:</b>
<b>Fish &amp; Game:</b>	<b>Other Agencies:</b>	

<b>SIGNATURE/TITLE</b> 	<b>DATE</b> 11/3/05
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