



# County of Santa Cruz

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April 20, 2006

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 STATION NO. 3

Dear Mr. Higgins:


Attached is a spill report concerning a sewage spill that occurred in Santa Cruz County Service Area No. 7 on April 15, 2006. We received an alarm from our pump station at 4:15 p.m. and responded by sending an operator to the treatment plant and pump station area. As soon as it was discovered that the pump station was over flowing, the operator used the pumps to pump down the station. When the station began to refill, the operator shut it down again. At that time, we could not use the pumps and had to start hauling the wastewater.

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)  
Sanitation Operations (w/a)

Attachment:  
rwqcb-cs/SP041506.wpd

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board., Central Coast Region

## SEWAGE OVERFLOW REPORT

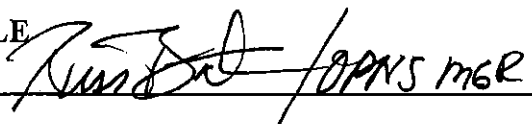
(Include all available details (use attachments as needed) - submit follow-up written reports as necessary)

<b>Reporting Party</b>	Santa Cruz County	<b>Phone</b>	(831) 477-3907
<b>Discharger</b>	CSA #7	<b>Phone</b>	(831) 477-3907
<b>Address</b>	2750 Lode Street	<b>City</b>	Santa Cruz, CA 95062

<b>Date of Overflow:</b> 4/15/06	<b>Time Overflow Began:</b> 4:15 4/15/06	<b>Time Overflow Stopped:</b> 5:45 p.m. 4/15/06
<b>Responding Crew:</b>	Michael Reilly, Bud Galipeaux, Joe Salgado, Richard Scott, Faran Sanchez, Patty Balogh, John Seifert, Brian Armstrong.	
<b>Location/Address of Overflow Origin:</b>	Boulder Creek #3 Station - Hwy 236 off Fallen Leaf/Fern Rockway.	
<b>Volume of Overflow (Gallons):</b> 1500	<b>Path of Overflow:</b> To Hwy 9 - soaked into ground.	
<b>Waterbody/Bodies Affected:</b> None		
<b>Cause of Overflow:</b> Pump failure at station from broken fitting next to pump outlet.		

<b>Action Taken To Stop Overflow:</b> Shut off pump station #2. Hauled wastewater from plant.	
<b>Time Cleanup Began:</b> N/A	<b>Time Cleanup Complete:</b> N/A
<b>Discussion Of Cleanup:</b> Sample was taken. No clean up was necessary, soaked into ground - no solids present.	
<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 station)
<b>Discussion Of Measures Taken To Prevent Overflows At This Time:</b> Investigate integrity of fiberglass fittings used with pump.	

<b>Agencies Notified: Name/Time/Dates:</b>	<b>Netcom:</b> Terri 6:20 p.m. 4/15/06	<b>County Env. Health:</b> Message 6:25 p.m.4/15/06
<b>RWQCB:</b> Michael Higgins 6:26 p.m. 4/15/06 (message)	<b>County Board of Supervisors:</b> Agenda date: May 4, 2006	<b>O.E.S.:</b> Cybill Clark 6:30 p.m. 4/15/06 #06-2290
<b>Fish &amp; Game:</b> 6:35 p.m. (message)	<b>Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary:</b> N/A	<b>City of Santa Cruz:</b> Garret Smith 7:00 p.m. 4/15/06

<b>SIGNATURE/TITLE</b>  /OPNS MGR	<b>DATE</b> April 18, 2006
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