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**LA WATER BOARD APPROVES SETTLEMENT OVER FAILURE TO FOLLOW  
CHLORIDE CONTROL ACTIONS ON SANTA CLARA RIVER**

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LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) approved a settlement agreement for \$225,000 in administrative civil liability against the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD), part of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (CSDLAC).

Under terms of the agreement, CSDLAC will pay \$127,500 in liability to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account. The remaining \$97,500 in liability will be used to fund a supplemental environmental project with the City of Santa Clarita for the low impact development retrofit of a city parking lot.

The liability stems from CSDLAC's failure to complete Wastewater Facilities Plans and Programmatic Environmental Impact Reports by the required due date in 2011. The completion and submittal of these documents are part of a series of implementation tasks required so that the CSDLAC will meet waste load allocations for chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River.

The Upper Santa Clara River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for chloride was adopted in 2005 and updated in 2010 to protect the beneficial uses of the Santa Clara River, which include agricultural supply, groundwater recharge, and rare and endangered species habitat.

"The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board believes that this settlement addresses excessive chloride discharges to the Santa Clara River and protects its beneficial uses. The settlement allows the sanitation districts the necessary time to commit to a project that will effectively control excessive chloride loadings," said Los Angeles Water Board Chair Maria Mehranian.



Prosecution staff felt the enforcement action was necessary to bring Santa Clarita “back on track” with TMDL deadlines that continue through 2015. Santa Clarita recently submitted its Environmental Impact Report related to its chloride treatment facility for public comment as part of the CEQA process. To the extent that future deadlines are not met, additional enforcement may be necessary.

The Los Angeles Water Board protects and restores water quality in coastal watersheds in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and in portions of Kern and Santa Barbara counties.

For more information about the Santa Clarita chloride issue, visit:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/santaclarita.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/enforcement/santaclarita.shtml)

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