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May 25, 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
FERN ROCK WAY - BOULDER CREEK

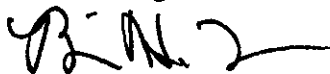
Dear Mr. Higgins:

Attached is a spill report concerning a sewage spill that occurred in Santa Cruz County Service Area No. 7 on May 19, 2005. Staff is still investigating instrumentation configurations that will immediately notify dispatch of the possibility of a leaking/broken force main and other malfunctions. The approximate 2-hour delay in reporting to all agencies except city water is due to necessary discussions and determining appropriate method of determining actual spill volume.

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: 
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Water and Wastewater (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)

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: 5/19/05	Time Overflow Began: Reported at 10:47 a.m.	Time Overflow Stopped: 11:20 a.m.
Responding Crew:	Gary Dubinsky, Erasmo Gonzales	
Location/Address of Overflow Origin:	175 Fern Rock Way, Boulder Creek	
Volume of Overflow (Gallons): Approx. 400	Path of Overflow: From street to storm drain to creek.	
Waterbody/Bodies Affected: Boulder Creek		
Cause of Overflow: Crack in force main.		

Action Taken To Stop Overflow: Turned off Boulder Creek plant discharge until force main was repaired.	
Time Cleanup Began: No solids present	Time Cleanup Complete: 11:20 a.m.
Discussion Of Cleanup: Secondary treated wastewater - no solids present.	
Were Public Health Warnings Posted, And If So, Where? n/a	Number Of Overflows In Same Location In Last Three Years? 3
Discussion Of Measures Taken To Prevent Overflows At This Time: Staff is investigating instrumentation that will more quickly inform us when a break occurs.	

Agencies Notified: Name/Time/Dates:	Netcom: Dan Saunders 2:39 p.m. 5/19/05	County Env. Health: John Ricker (2:49 p.m. 5/19/05 - message)
RWQCB: Michael Higgins (2:35 p.m. 5/19/05 - message)	City of Santa Cruz: Jim Bently 10:57 a.m. 5/19/05 and 1:20 p.m. 5/19/05 - with final details	O.E.S.: Scott Marotte Report #05-2980
Fish & Game: Netcom to notify	N.O.A.A.: Scott Kathey 2:28 p.m. 5/19/05	CG National Spill Response Ctr: R. Crews Report # 759280

SIGNATURE/TITLE <i>Kris Esten / Ops Mgr</i>	DATE 5/24/05
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