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### CALIFORNIA

#### **Central Coast Water Board and South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District Settle Litigation Regarding 2010 Wastewater Spill**

San Luis Obispo CA (10/13/2016) - The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board has reached an agreement with the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District to resolve legal actions initiated by the Central Coast Water Board after a wastewater spill at the district's sewage treatment plant in December 2010. In 2012 the Central Coast Water Board fined the district nearly \$1.11 million for spilling over 600,000 gallons of sewage. The district contested the fine with the State Water Resources Control Board and in courts. The district has agreed to pay a total of \$1,109,812.80 in fines and toward environmental improvement projects and plant upgrades.

#### **City of Compton to Pay Penalty, Upgrade Sanitary Sewer System for Discharging Raw Sewage Into Local Waterway**

LOS ANGELES CA (10/11/2016) - The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) has entered into a settlement agreement with the city of Compton over the alleged discharge of raw sewage and other pollutants into Compton Creek for a period of approximately three years. For the alleged discharges of untreated sewage to waters of the United States, Compton is liable for a civil penalty of \$268,365. The city must also complete capital improvement and sewer master plan projects on its sanitary sewer system. The Regional Water Board alleges that on at least eight different occasions, from December

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2010 to October 2013, Compton experienced sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) that released pollutants and untreated sewage into Compton Creek. The Regional Water Board also alleges the city failed to report three of the eight SSOs as required.

#### **Electrolux Home Products - Frigidaire Case Settles for \$120,000**

Sacramento CA (10/5/2016) - Electrolux Home Products, a Charlotte, North Carolina based company that imports and markets Frigidaire branded wine chillers, sold 810 non-complaint units in California between August 2014 and May 2016. The California Energy Commission (CEC) staff had one of these units tested at the California State University, Sacramento-College of Engineering Energy Efficiency Laboratory and found it to be in violation of the energy efficiency regulations governing wine chillers. The CEC staff notified the manufacturer who immediately stopped selling these units in California. Additionally, they have removed the model from the CEC appliance efficiency database. The company is now in full compliance. To settle this matter, the company executed a settlement agreement with CEC on October 4, 2016 for \$120,000.00. The penalty monies are deposited into the Appliance Enforcement Subaccount established by SB 454 of 2011 (Pavley).

#### **District Attorney Settles Asbestos Case with Carmel Valley Manor**

Monterey County CA (9/30/2016) - Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that his Environmental Protection Unit has reached a settlement with Northern California Congregational Retirement Homes, Inc., doing business as Carmel Valley Manor, for violations of asbestos-related environmental laws and regulations that occurred at the Manor for over a decade, from approximately 1998-2013. Violations alleged include the failure to survey for asbestos and notify Monterey Bay Air Resources District ("MBARD") prior to undertaking demolition and renovation work at the Manor. Alleged violations also include the failure to properly handle asbestos-containing materials during removal and disposal. Carmel Valley Manor agreed to a total settlement of \$825,000, comprising civil penalties, costs, and supplemental environmental projects benefiting local seniors and aiding MBARD's ability to detect asbestos in the field. The settlement terms also include a permanent injunction requiring the Manor to comply with asbestos-related laws and regulations