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City of Morgan Hill to Pay \$433,366 for Four Sewage Spills to Llagas Creek

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY – The City of Morgan Hill, which operates a sanitary sewer collection system, has agreed to a \$433,366 enforcement settlement with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for four unauthorized discharges of sewage into Llagas Creek.

The spills occurred between December 2015 and February 2017 and consisted of four separate sewage discharges resulting in approximately 330,000 gallons of sewage discharged to Llagas Creek.

Under the settlement agreement, half of the settlement funds will pay for two projects that will enhance the city's capacity to prevent overflows. These include creating a highly detailed sanitary sewer system inventory, plus a repair and replacement plan to maximize the city's capability to prevent overflows. The city will also install electronically enhanced manhole covers to provide it with earlier warnings of increasing sewer system flows so it can respond before overflows occur.

"We work hard with local entities to prevent these types of spills," said Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, chair of the Central Coast Water Board. "We take these violations and threats to the environment very seriously. This settlement demonstrates our, and the city's, commitment to protecting and restoring our region's waters."

The [Central Coast Water Board](#) is responsible for protecting and restoring water quality in a 300-mile-long coastal region, from southern San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to the northern part of Ventura County. Protecting aquatic habitat in streams and groundwater is essential to ensuring water quality and protecting the health of humans and wildlife.

For copies of the final signed order, contact Todd Stanley at Todd.Stanley@waterboards.ca.gov.

