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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Assembly Bill 800 Notification**

**DATE:** January 14, 2017  
**TO:** LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

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INFORMATION**

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**Background:** Pursuant to AB 800 the local health officer and the director of environmental health shall immediately notify the public of a discharge of a hazardous substance or sewage to the waters of the state if it is necessary to safeguard public health and safety.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following report was received from the following person or entity on the date set forth below:

**REPORTING PERSON OR ENTITY NAME:** Scott Buffaloe, California Mens Colony Correctional Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor

**ADDRESS:** Highway 1, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**PHONE:** 805-602-6692

**SUBSTANCE OF REPORT:**

**DESCRIPTION**

On January 14, 2017, SLOEHS was notified that approximately 2,000 gallons of sewage was released from a manway and entered a storm drain on CMC Correctional facility property due to a sewer system blockage. The release impacted Chorro Creek. The cause of the system blockage has not yet been determined.



The Health Officer of San Luis Obispo County has made the following determinations:

- The reporting person or entity is considered to be reliable and the Health Officer has been unable to make an independent investigation.
- After investigation, the Health Officer draws the following conclusions with respect to the report: The information from the CMC Correctional facility has been diligently reported.

Identity of Hazardous Wastes and toxic compounds Involved:

- None found at location on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).
- Suspected hazardous waste, identity unknown pending further testing.
- Hazardous waste containing the following constituents and concentrations:
- Sewage

Legality of Discharge:

- Illegal
- Legal
- No determination possible because: Regional Water Quality Control Board has the authority over this question.

Likelihood that the discharge would be injurious to public health or safety:

- Likely:
- Unlikely: The sewage spill was responded to by CMC Correctional Wastewater Treatment plant personnel who cleaned and sanitized the area and are determining the cause of the overflow. Due to current rain, the creek has abundant water flow.
- No determination possible at this time because:

Patricia Atkins for Dr. Penny Borenstein  
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

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c: News Media  
Board of Supervisors