

March 29th, 1974

Fish and Game Commission
1416 - 9th Street
Sacramento, Ca.

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Gentlemen:

My home is situated in Section 10, T10N, R10E, M.D.B. & M. which is about 2 miles north of the city limits of Placerville, and about 1 mile downstream from the City of Placerville's Treatment Plant. Hangtown Creek flows through my property.

I have resided here about 11 years and when I first bought this property workman employed to build my house related that they had caught trout from the Creek where it passed my house. Shortly after my house was completed the quality of water in the Creek appeared to radically deteriorate and no longer supported fish life. No longer are fisherman observed along the banks and I am told that there are no fish in the stream because of the discharge of waste materials into the Creek.

It is my understanding that the discharge of harmful waste materials into the stream is illegal and subjects the wrongdoer to fines of up to \$6,000 for each separate offense. Knowing of your agency's interest in this matter, I am writing to ask if your agency is aware of the above described situation, and if so, what you are doing to remedy it.

I have also written to the State Water Resources Control Board and am awaiting their reply.

Thanking you for an early reply, I remain

Yours very truly,



George E. Staples
1190 Rising Hill Road
Placerville, Ca. 95667

G. Ray Arnett, Director

J. Richards
signed 4/11/74

Mr. George E. Staples
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Placerville, California 95667

On March 29, Mr. Staples - - -

- - - you informed the Fish and Game Commission of your concern about water quality conditions in Hangtown Creek. Your letter was referred to my office for reply.

In investigating the conditions you describe, we could find no evidence that the City of Placerville's sewage treatment plant has been violating discharge requirements.

Although we note that you have written to the State Water Resources Control Board about the matter, we have brought your complaint to the attention of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. We have done so because of that agency's jurisdiction in the establishment and enforcement of waste discharge requirements in your area. Members of the Board's staff may soon contact you to obtain further details.

It is quite possible that the pollution you have noticed originates from sources other than effluents of the city treatment plant. Field personnel from our regional office will be investigating this possibility, and you can expect them to contact you in the near future.

Thank you for your interest in maintaining or reestablishing good water quality in Hangtown Creek.

Sincerely,

B. Lullerton

Director

cc: Chief of Operations
Environmental Services Branch

bc: D, DD, DRF, CO,
Region-2 Capt. Childs, J. Linn

P.S. to Linn: Please see that field follow-up occurs.

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