

Water Right Violations Enforcement Process

Watermaster (WM) receives information of a violation

Informational Letter

Notice of Violation issued: Compliance Specialist may contact responsible party

A Notice of Violation (NOV) is in effect for 3 years from the date of service. A similar violation for which a NOV was issued may be considered a repeat violation for the purposes of calculating civil penalties and can reinstate the Enforcement process.

Compliance met:
Responsible party contact WM & works toward compliance; WM monitors compliance

No compliance

Notice of Assessment issued
(Civil Penalties + Damages)

Responsible Party admits fault: Fines paid in full

Responsible Party admits fault & requests reduction in fines: Settlement Agreement

Responsible Party does not reply: Default Final Order

Responsible Party requests Hearing

Final Order is sent & payment received

Injunctive Relief

Hearing held

Stipulated Agreement; WM monitors compliance

Proposed Final Order

Final Order issued