

## Statement of Defense Form

### Enforcement Investigation ER2019.060.00

#### Param Dhillon and Amandeep Dhillon

FAILURE (1) TO COMPLETE THIS FORM, (2) TO INCLUDE WITH THE COMPLETED FORM ALL DOCUMENTS, DECLARATIONS UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, AND OTHER EVIDENCE YOU WANT PLACED IN THE RECORD AND TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION, (3) TO LIST ANY WITNESSES WHOSE DECLARATION IS PART OF THE STAFF'S CASE AS IDENTIFIED IN THE VIOLATION REPORT THAT YOU WISH TO CROSS-EXAMINE, THE AREA OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHICH YOU WANT TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE WITNESS, AND THE INFORMATION YOU HOPE TO ELICIT BY CROSS-EXAMINATION, AND (4) TO RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM AND ALL INCLUDED MATERIALS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION STAFF OR TO CONTACT **PRISCILLA NJUGUNA** OR **KAREN DONOVAN** OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT STAFF BY August 24, 2020 MEANS THAT THE COMMISSION CAN REFUSE TO CONSIDER SUCH STATEMENTS AND EVIDENCE WHEN THE COMMISSION HEARS THIS MATTER.

DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THAT OCCUR WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT STAFF AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND RETURNED THIS FORM, ADMINISTRATIVE OR LEGAL ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS MAY NEVERTHELESS BE INITIATED AGAINST YOU, IF THAT OCCURS, ANY STATEMENTS THAT YOU MAKE ON THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE ENFORCEMENT RECORD AND MAY BE USED AGAINST YOU.

YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH OR RETAIN AN ATTORNEY BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THIS FORM OR OTHERWISE CONTACT THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT STAFF.

This form is enclosed with a violation report. The violation report indicates that you may be responsible for or in some way involved in either a violation of the Commission's laws, a Commission permit, or a Commission cease and desist order. The violation report summarizes what the possible violation involves, who may be responsible for it, where and when it occurred, if the Commission staff is proposing any civil penalty and, if so, how much, and other pertinent information concerning the possible violation.

This form requires you to respond to the alleged facts contained in the violation report, to raise any affirmative defenses that you believe apply, to request any cross-examination that you believe necessary, and to inform the staff of all facts that you believe may exonerate you of any legal responsibility for the possible violation or may mitigate your responsibility. This form also requires you to enclose with the completed statement of defense form copies of all written documents, such as letters, photographs, maps drawings, etc. and written declarations under penalty of perjury that you want the Commission to consider as part of this enforcement hearing. This form also requires you to identify by name any person whom you may want to cross-examine prior to the enforcement hearing on this matter, the area of knowledge that you want to cover in the cross-examination, the nature of the testimony that you hope to elicit, and the reasons that you believe other means of producing this evidence are unsatisfactory. Finally, if the staff is only proposing a civil penalty, i.e., no issuance of either a cease or desist order or a permit revocation order, this form allows you alternatively to pay the proposed fine without contesting the matter subject to ratification of the amount by the Commission.

IF YOU WANT TO CROSS-EXAMINE ANY PERSON ON WHOSE TESTIMONY THE STAFF HAS RELIED IN THE VIOLATION REPORT, YOU MUST COMPLETE PARAGRAPH SEVEN TO THIS STATEMENT OF DEFENSE FORM. THIS PARAGRAPH REQUIRES YOU TO SET OUT (1) THE NAME(S) OF THE PERSON(S) YOU WANT TO CROSS-EXAMINE, (2) REFERENCES TO ANY DOCUMENTS ABOUT WHICH YOU WANT TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE PERSON, (3) THE AREA OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHICH YOU WANT TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE PERSON, (4) THE INFORMATION THAT YOU BELIEVE CAN BE ELICITED BY CROSS-EXAMINATION, AND (5) THE REASON WHY YOU BELIEVE THIS INFORMATION CANNOT BE PRESENTED BY DECLARATION OR OTHER DOCUMENT.

You should complete the form as fully and accurately as you can as quickly as you can and return it no later than 35 days after its having been mailed to you to the Commission's enforcement staff at the address:

**San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission**  
**375 Beale Street, Suite 510**  
**San Francisco, California 94105**

**The forms should also be emailed to Margie Malan at Margie.Malan@bcdc.ca.gov.**

If you believe that you have good cause for not being able to complete this form within 35 days of its having been mailed, please complete it to the extent that you can and within 35 days of the mailing of the violation report send the statement of defense form completed as much as possible with a written explanation of what additional information you need to complete the form in its entirety, how long it will take to obtain the additional information needed to complete the form, and why it will take longer than 35 days to obtain the additional information, send all of this to the Commission's staff at the above address. Following this procedure does not mean that the Executive Director will automatically allow you to take the additional time to complete the form. Only if the Executive Director determines that you have shown good cause for the delay and have otherwise complete the form as much as is currently possible will be grant an extension to complete the form.

If the staff violation report that accompanied this statement of defense form included a proposed civil penalty, you may, if you wish, resolve the civil penalty aspect of the alleged violation by simply providing to the staff a certified cashier's check in the amount of the proposed fine within the 35-day time period. If you choose to follow this alternative, the Executive Director will cash your check and place a brief summary of the violation and proposed penalty along with a notation that you are choosing to pay the penalty rather than contesting it on an administrative permit listing. If no Commissioner objects to the amount of the penalty, your payment will resolve the civil penalty portion of the alleged violation. If a Commissioner objects to the proposed payment of the penalty, the Commission shall determine by a majority of those present and voting whether to let the proposed penalty stand. If such a majority votes to let the proposed penalty stand, your payment will resolve the civil penalty portion of the alleged violation. If such a majority does not let the proposed penalty stand, the Commission shall direct the staff to return the money paid to you and shall direct you to file your completed statement of defense form and all supporting documents within 35 days of the Commission's action. Of course, you also have the opportunity of contesting the fine from the outset by completing this form and filing it and all supporting documents within 35 days of its having been mailed to you.

If you have any questions, please contact as soon as possible **PRISCILLA NJUGUNA** or **KAREN DONOVAN** of the Commission Enforcement Staff at telephone number **415-352-3640**.

1. Facts or allegations contained in the violation report that you admit (with specific reference to the paragraph number in the violation report):

I, Param Dhillon and Amandeep Dhillon are the co-owners / control the property parcel # 0052-162-090 located in Vallejo Ca. I authorised a local trucking company to place 55 yards of clean dirt on the property in order to fill the holes and ditches that existed on the property and to be able to use a tractor to mow the weeds for weed abatement to prevent fire danger.

2. Facts or allegations contained in the violation report that you deny (with specific reference to paragraph number in the violation report):

The dirt was placed on the property based on the information provided by the Public Works Dept. City of Vallejo and BCDC staff. The City had informed me that no permit was required to place upto 55 yards of dirt on private property. BCDC staff confirmed , that the commission had no jurisdiction over the property in question. I believe no violation was intended based on the information provided.

The work was stopped as soon as the City informed me to do so, the City Administrative citation pw19-0023 was in error, I met with the city staff and explained why the piece of equipment was noticed on the property, no work was done, see the text conversation attached.

The dirt path existed on the property and was covered with weeds, so no path was cut to access the property.

I live 60 miles away from the property, I only visited property once while the dirt was being placed, so there might have been illegal dumping at the site. I met with Water Board, BCDC and Army core of engg. Staff and answered all the questions truthfully and agreed to hire an expert to study the facts, I have a report, see attached.

3. Facts or allegations contained in the violation report of which you have no personal knowledge (with specific reference to paragraph number in the violation report): None

4. Other facts which may exonerate or mitigate your possible responsibility or otherwise explain your relationship to the possible violation (be as specific as you can; if you have or know of any documents, photographs, maps, letters, or other evidence that you believe are relevant, please identify it by name, date, type, and any other identifying information and provide the original or a copy if you can):

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5. Any other information, statement, etc. that you want to make:

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6. Documents, exhibits, declarations under penalty of perjury or other materials that you have attached to this statement to support your answers or that you want to be made part of the administrative record for this enforcement proceeding (Please list in chronological order by date, author, title and enclose a copy with this completed form):

1. Email from BCDC staff
2. Text conversation regarding Administrative Citation
3. Expert Study Report

7. Name of any person whose declaration under penalty of perjury was listed in the violation report as being part of the staff's case who the respondent wants to cross-examine, all documents about which you want to cross-examine the person, area or areas of information about which the respondent wants to cross-examine the witness, information that the respondent hopes to elicit in cross-examination, and the reason(s) why some other method of proving this information is unsatisfactory:

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