

Water Pollution

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Soquel Creek Polluter Must Restore Balance

A Soquel area polluter has been ordered to pay for the restoration of an ecological balance he destroyed.

Ken McMillan, owner of the Mountain Refrigeration Co., was charged in August with polluting Soquel Creek by dumping ammonia into the stream.

He was sentenced Friday in Santa Cruz Municipal Court after he pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor fish and game violation.

McMillan was ordered to pay \$938 for the purchase of 5000 steelhead trout to replace fish killed by the pollution.

He also was given a \$500 fine, which was suspended. In addition he was placed on two years probation.

Charges were dismissed against the second man in the case, Gilbert L. Paul, owner of the Soquel Meat and Frozen Foods Company, for whom McMillan was working when the stream damage occurred.

According to John Frey, assistant district attorney, Paul has agreed to assume part of the cost of buying the fish which will be planted by Pacific Marine Enterprises next March or April.