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The Executive Officer (EO) of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) hereby provides the following report on recent staff activities in the region:

LAND DISPOSAL – WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM

Meetings: On April 13, 2020, staff attended an interagency meeting with USEPA and Riverside County Health Department to discuss waste disposal, environmental and human health concerns at Oasis Mobile Home Park. The mobile home park is located on Torrez-Martinez tribal land.

Investigations: On April 14, 2020, staff performed a site investigation and collected water quality samples at Rio Bend RV and Golf Resort/Storm's Crossing RV Park where there is an ongoing unauthorized discharge to the New River.

Notices of Violation: Two (2) Notices of Violation were issued to Dischargers for violations of their Waste Discharge Requirements.

- FedEx, Ground Distribution Facility OWTS subject to Order 97-500(177)
- Yucca Valley Senior Housing OWTS subject to Order R7-2013-0058

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS UNIT

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum Work Group: The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum Work Group met via teleconference on April 27-29 in place of an in-person meeting. The Forum met on topics such as the 2020 Triennial Review, status updates of salinity control projects in the basin states, and program updates from state and federal agencies. The 2020 Triennial Review document was finalized to be sent to the Forum Members for review before adoption at the June meeting. [*Emma McCorkle, ES*]

NPDES PROGRAM

Stagecoach Solar Project – Agency Coordination Meeting: On April 3, 2020, staff participated an agency coordination teleconference meeting for a proposed project called the Stagecoach Solar Project (Project) located on state lands near Hwy 247, north of Lucerne Valley. The Project would produce up to 200 megawatts (MW) of solar energy using photovoltaic (PV) technology. The Project area encompasses nearly 3,600 acres, with PV modules and the associated solar facility infrastructure to be constructed on approximately 1,950 acres. Aurora Solar LLC, project proponent, held the conference call with regulators, including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Colorado River Basin Water Board, to discuss biological resources, water resources and permitting issues, to be addressed in the environmental impact report (EIR) and various permit applications. [*Kai Dunn, Ph.D., P.E., Senior WRCE*]

401 Water Quality Certification: The following table shows the Certifications that the Colorado River Basin Water Board issued in April 2020. [*Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE, Ph.D., P.E., Emma McCorkle, Environmental Scientist*]

401 Water Quality Certification issued in April 2020

Orders Issued/Denied	Applicant	Project	WDID#
4/20/2020	California Department of Parks and Recreation	Stewarts Lake Trail Accessibility Improvements Project	7B333023001
4/16/2020	Southern California Edison	Utah 12kV Relocation Project: Phase I and II	7A363026001

Table 1: Mandatory Minimum Penalty Status

Number	Facility	Violation Description	Assessed Penalty	Settlement Offer Date	Waiver Received Date	Public Notice Issuance Date	Comment Due Date	EO Execution Date	Number of MMPs
1	Calexico WWTP	Bacteria Indicator & Oil/Grease violations	\$6,000 *\$36,000	2/13/19 *11/06/19	3/12/19 *12/05/19	3/13/19	4/11/19 *12/05/19 In settlement discussions		2 *13
2	Brawley WWTP	Copper & Grease, Bis (2- Ethylhexyl) phthalate	\$21,000 *\$33,000	2/21/19 *9/20/19	3/18/19 *10/04/19	3/26/19	4/24/19 *10/04/19 In settlement discussions		7 *11
3	Kent SeaTech Fish Farm	Bacteria Indicator & Oil/Grease violations	\$84,000	4/5/19 *6/14/19	4/30/19 *7/15/19		10/08/19 In settlement discussions		28
	TOTAL:		\$111,000 *\$153,000						37 *52

*Revised

Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (April 2020)

No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
11	240

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