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Public Notice No. 7-05-23
NPDES Permit No. CA0104451
July 1, 2005

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R7-2005-0105
ISSUED TO
NILAND SANITARY DISTRICT
FOR DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT
EXCEEDING THE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS
INTO THE "R" DRAIN
THAT VIOLATE BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2003-0049
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0104451

The Niland Sanitary District (Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection and disposal system and provides sewerage service to the City of Niland. The wastewater treatment plant is designed to treat municipal wastewater flows of up to 0.5 million gallons per day. On February 14, 2003, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board) adopted waste discharge requirements, and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit to regulate the discharge of treated municipal wastewater to the "R" Drain. The Permit is assigned NPDES Permit No. CA0104451, Board Order No. R7-2003-0049.

The Executive Officer of the Regional Board has issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R7-2005-0105 against the Discharger, alleging that Niland Sanitary District discharged wastewater that exceeded effluent limits set forth in Board Order No R7-2003-0049. Pursuant to Section 13385 of the California Water Code, this complaint proposes that the discharger pay one hundred eight thousand dollars (\$108,000) in mandatory minimum penalties for violations of specified effluent limitations. Niland Sanitary District may propose to spend an equivalent amount toward the implementation of a compliance project that is consistent with Section X of the Water Quality Enforcement Policy.

Unless the discharger agrees to waive its right to a public hearing on the matter, the Regional Board will proceed with a hearing for this matter as follows:

Date: September 8, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: La Quinta City Council Chambers

During the hearing, the public and any other person interested in this matter can provide the Regional Board with comments on this matter.

If the discharger waives its right to the hearing and pays the administrative civil liability in full, no hearing will be held. The settlement of this Complaint will be final after 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint or other aspects of this matter, are required to do so within 30 days of the date of this Notice, so that the Regional Board may consider the comments.

Comments should be mailed to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
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A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Regional Board Office. Please contact Doug Wylie at (760) 346-6585 for any questions regarding this matter.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Regional Board Meeting, please contact Kristie Garcia at (760) 346-7491 no later than 10 days before the scheduled public hearing.