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NPDES Permit No. CA0105015  
April 25, 2007

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER NO. R7-2007-0031  
ISSUED TO  
CITY OF CALIPATRIA, OWNER/OPERATOR  
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM  
FOR  
DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT THAT EXCEED THE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS  
OF THE "G" DRAIN IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2005-0085  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0105015

The City of Calipatria (Discharger) owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The overall design capacity for the treatment plant is 4.3 million gallons of flow per day. On June 29, 2005, 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 discharges of treated wastewater to the "G" Drain. The Permit is assigned NPDES Permit No. CA0105015, Board Order No. R7-2005-0085.

On January 24, 2007, the Assistant Executive Officer of the Regional Board issued Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaint No. R7-2007-0024 against the Discharger, alleging that it discharged wastewater that exceeded effluent limits set forth in Board Order No. R7-2005-0085. Pursuant to Section 13385 of the California Water Code, this Complaint proposed that the Discharger pay eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) in mandatory minimum penalties for violations of specified effluent limitations.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13323(b), the Discharger was timely informed of its right to a public hearing on this matter within 90 days of being issued the ACL Complaint and its right to waive the hearing. The Regional Board previously scheduled a public hearing, in which this enforcement matter would be considered among other agenda items, for March 21, 2007 in the La Quinta City Council Chambers. Prior to that hearing, the Discharger agreed to waive its right to the hearing. The Discharger also submitted a settlement proposal that included an agreement to implement a compliance project, consistent with Section X of the Water Quality Enforcement Policy (Policy), which is designed to correct the violations in five years in lieu of payment of the proposed civil liability of \$12,000. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Policy on February 19, 2002, as Resolution No. 2002-0040, was approved by the Office of Administrative Law, and became effective on July 30, 2002. The Regional Board has scheduled the public hearing as follows:

Date of hearing: May 16, 2007  
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.

Because the Discharger previously agreed to waive its right to a public hearing on this matter and to implement the compliance project proposed in lieu of payment of the proposed civil liability of \$18,000, ACL Complaint No. R7-2007-0024 was rescinded and a revised draft ACL Order No. R7-2007-0031 was prepared reflecting this settlement. The Regional Board may still decide to conduct a hearing on this matter, however. The settlement of this Order will become final 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the proposed ACL Order or any other aspects of this matter are required to do so within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice so that the Regional Board may consider the comments.

Comments must be mailed to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
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A copy of the Order 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 Meeting, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than 10 days before the scheduled public hearing.