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Public Notice No. 7-08-30  
NPDES Permit No. CA0104361  
October 23, 2008

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R7-2008-0055  
ISSUED TO CITY OF HOLTVILLE FOR  
DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT THAT EXCEED THE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS  
OF THE PEAR DRAIN IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDERS NO. 01-002, AND R7-  
2006-0050  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0104361

The City of Holtville (Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection and disposal system and provides sewerage service to the City of Holtville. The wastewater treatment plant is designed to treat municipal wastewater flows of up to 0.85 million gallons per day. On June 21, 2006, 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 Pear Drain. The Permit is assigned Board Order No. R7-2006-0050, NPDES Permit No. CA0104361, and superseded Board Order No. 01-002.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Regional Board has issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R7-2008-0055 against the Discharger, alleging that it discharged wastewater that exceeded effluent limits set forth in Board Order No. 01-002 and Board Order No. R7-2006-0050. Pursuant to Section 13385 of the California Water Code, this complaint proposes that the discharger pay fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000) in mandatory minimum penalties for violations of specified effluent limitations. The Discharger 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 (Policy). The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Policy on February 19, 2002 as Resolution No. 2002-0040, and it was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and became effective on July 30, 2002.

Unless the Discharger agrees to waive its right to a public hearing on the matter, as provided by California Water Code Section 13323(b), the Regional Board will proceed with the public hearing as follows:

Date of hearing: January 22, 2009  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: City of El Centro  
City Council Chambers  
1275 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

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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 proposed administrative civil liability in full to settle the ACLC, the Regional Board may still decide to conduct a public hearing on the matter. In addition, although payment of the proposed liability constitutes a settlement of the ACLC, any settlement will not become final until after a 30-day public comment period has been provided and the Regional Board has had an opportunity to consider the comments and the proposed settlement. Therefore, persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the proposed Administrative Civil Liability Complaint or any 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 must be mailed to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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 public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.