

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R7-2009-0001

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITY OF WESTMORLAND FOR, OWNER/OPERATOR  
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT,  
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

FOR DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT THAT EXCEED THE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS  
OF THE TRIFOLIUM DRAIN NO. 6 IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDERS  
NO. R7-2002-0004 AND NO. R7-2007-0034  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0105007

The City of Westmorland, 5305 Martin Road, Westmorland, CA 92281 (hereinafter referred to as the Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection and disposal system and provides sewerage services to the City of Westmorland. The WWTP has a designed capacity of 0.50 million gallons per day (MGD), serving a population of 2,400. The wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) consists of a sewage pump station, an influent flow meter, an oxidation ditch, two twenty-eight foot clarifiers, chlorine contact chambers, dechlorination operations and constructed wetlands. The Discharger may divert all of the chlorinated effluent flow, a portion of, or no flow to the constructed wetlands prior to the discharge to Trifolium Drain No. 6.

The City of Westmorland wastewater treatment plant currently operates under Order No. R7-2007-0034 (NPDES No. CA0105007), which allows discharge of effluent into Trifolium Drain No. 6 that flows approximately three (3) miles before entering the New River, which is a tributary to the Salton Sea. The New River and Salton Sea are waters of the United States. The treated wastewater does not meet effluent discharge limits specified in the WDRs for enterococci, *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) and fecal coliform. As a result, the Discharger has been in chronic violation of effluent discharge limitations.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13301, the Regional Board will consider the adoption of Draft Cease and Desist Order No. R7-2009-0001 which sets forth actions that the Discharger shall take to correct or prevent discharges of waste that are in violation of Board Order No. R7-2007-0034 with respect to the effluent discharge limitations for enterococci, *E. coli* and fecal coliform.

A public hearing on this matter will be held as follows:

Date: January 22, 2009  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Location: City of El Centro City Hall  
1275 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

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

Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the tentative Cease and Desist Order are requested 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 tentative Cease and Desist Order may be obtained from the Regional Board Office. Please contact Doug Wylie at (760) 346-6585 for any questions regarding this matter. Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone you think would be interested in this matter.

For any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Regional Board hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 no later than 10 days before the scheduled hearing date.