NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT

The following discharger has filed an application for re-issuance of a Board Order under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System:

CITY OF EL CENTRO
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
EL CENTRO, IMPERIAL COUNTY

The staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) has prepared Tentative Board Order R7-2009-0022 for the above discharger containing effluent and receiving water limitations and special provisions, in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and Division 7 of the California Water Code, commencing with Section 13000. This Tentative Board Order updates and replaces existing Board Order R7-2004-0004 and amending Board Order R7-2007-0069.

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the Tentative Board Order during its regular meeting, which is scheduled as follows:

Date: May 21, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City of Palm Desert
City Council Chambers
73-510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

The Regional Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins March 9, 2009, and ends April 8, 2009. Persons wishing to submit comments on the Tentative Board Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than April 8, 2009, so that they may be given sufficient consideration. Comments should be mailed to the attention of Jose Figueroa-Acevedo at the address shown below or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260
Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the Public Hearing. Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Regional Water Board staff. In order to have adequate time for the presentations by Regional Water Board staff, however, comments from the public will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let Regional Water Board staff know before speaking so that the presentation can be appropriately scheduled at the hearing. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive. To ensure accuracy of the record, the Regional Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Regional Water Board staff before or during the hearing.

The application for re-issuance of the discharge permit, the existing Board Order, the amending Board Order, the Tentative Board Order, written comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. Contact Jose Figueroa-Acevedo, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 776-8967 for any questions regarding this matter.

Interested parties are advised that the full text of the NPDES permit is available on the Regional Water Board’s web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver. Under the heading of “Board Orders”, select “Year 2009,” then “Order R7-2009-0022.” If you need a hard copy of this order mailed to you, please contact Hilda Vasquez by phone at (760) 346-7491 or via e-mail at hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you are disabled and require special accommodations to participate in this Public Hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled Public Hearing.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

File: 7A 13 0103 011, City of El Centro Wastewater Treatment Plant, Board Order R7-2004-0004