

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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**NOTICE OF HEARING CONCERNING
ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R7-2009-0078
ISSUED TO CITY OF BRAWLEY, OWNER/OPERATOR,
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
FOR
DISCHARGES OF WASTEWATER INTO THE NEW RIVER IN VIOLATION OF
BOARD ORDERS NO. R7-2005-0021 AND NO. R7-2009-0078, NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0104523**

The City of Brawley (Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system and provides sewerage service to its residents. The wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has a treatment capacity of 5.9 million gallons-per-day. The final effluent from the WWTP is discharged to the New River and the Salton Sea.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R7-2009-0078 against the Discharger alleging that the Discharger violated its Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) by submitting monitoring data for E. coli and Enterococci prepared by a laboratory that was not certified by the California Department of Public Health. Pursuant to Section 13385(c) of the California Water Code, this Complaint proposes that the Discharger pay \$16,000 in administrative civil liability.

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: March 10, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City of Palm Desert
City Council Chambers
73510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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, a hearing may not be held. Any settlement of this Complaint constitutes a proposed settlement and will not become final until after the completion of the 30-day public notice and comment period. Should the Regional Water Board receive new significant information or comments from any source during this comment period, the Assistant Executive Officer may withdraw the complaint, return payment, and issue a new complaint.

A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Regional Water Board Office. Please refer to the Regional Water Board's website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver for future developments and updates, including any hearing date changes. Please contact Doug Wylie at (760) 346-6585 with 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.