

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

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NPDES Permit No. CA0104493  
March 3, 2010

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R7-2010-0016**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
COACHELLA SANITARY DISTRICT, OWNER/OPERATOR  
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT,  
FOR DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT COPPER AND ZINC  
OF BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2005-0083  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0104493**

Coachella Sanitary District (hereinafter Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection and treatment system that provides services to the City of Coachella. The wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has a total design capacity of 4.5 million gallons per day (MGD). The treatment system consists of a wet well, bar screen and comminutor, two activated sludge treatment trains, two oxidation ponds, and chlorination and dechlorination facilities.

The Discharger's WWTP is a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) that discharges its effluent to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (Channel), which flows to the Salton Sea. The Channel and Salton Sea are waters of the United States.

On February 18, 2010, Regional Board staff received a letter dated February 11, 2010 from the Discharger. The letter stated in part: "As a result of numerous incidents of noncompliance [with the final effluent limitations for zinc and copper] dating back to November of 2009, Coachella Sanitary District would like to request the issuance of a Cease & Desist Order for our facility from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. ..."

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13301, tentative Cease and Desist Order No. R7-2010-0016 is proposed to be issued by the Regional Board to set forth actions that the Discharger shall take to correct or prevent discharges of waste that are in violation of Board Order No. R7-2005-0083 with respect to the effluent discharge limitations for copper and zinc.

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

Date: March 18, 2010  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: City of La Quinta  
City Hall Council Chambers  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

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  
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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.