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Public Notice No. 7-11-10  
NPDES Permit No. CA0104361  
January 6, 2011

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SPECIAL BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2011-0016  
AMENDING CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R7-2009-0061  
ISSUED TO CITY OF HOLTVILLE, OWNER/OPERATOR,  
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT,  
FOR DISCHARGES OF WASTEWATER INTO THE PEAR DRAIN  
IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2006-0050**

The City of Holtville (Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) (hereinafter "Facility") that provides sewerage service to the City of Holtville. The Facility has a treatment capacity of 0.85 million gallons-per-day. The final effluent from the WWTP is discharged to the Pear Drain, a tributary to the Alamo River, and ultimately to the Salton Sea. The Pear Drain, the Alamo River, and the Salton Sea are waters of the United States. On June 21, 2006, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit to regulate the discharge of the treated municipal wastewater to the Pear Drain. The Permit is assigned NPDES Permit No. CA0104361, Board Order No. R7-2006-0050.

Among other requirements, Board Order No. R7-2006-0050 prescribes a final effluent limitation for Total Ammonia as Nitrogen, which became effective May 19, 2010. The Discharger is currently designing improvements to the WWTP to bring the ammonia discharges into compliance with Board Orders.

On September 17, 2009, the Regional Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R7-2009-0061 to address violations of Board Order No. R7-2006-0050. On September 29, 2010, the Discharger, in a letter to the Assistant Executive Officer (AEO), requested that the Regional Water Board amend CDO No. R7-2009-0061 0061 to extend the milestone deadlines specified therein to August 17, 2014. The Discharger states that it will continue to work with funding agencies to secure funding for the design and construction of the WWTP improvements required to comply with Board Order R7-2006-0050. The Discharger also stated that it is conducting a Sewer Rate Study to identify additional revenue the City can provide to other funding sources to complete the WWTP improvements.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in CWC Section 13385(j)(3)(C), this proposed Special Board Order revises CDO No. R7-2009-0061 to extend the milestone deadlines specified on page 5, Ordered Paragraph No. 1 for all Milestones.

The Regional Board will proceed with the public hearing as follows:

Date: January 20, 2011  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: City of La Quinta  
City 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 Water Board with comments on this matter.

Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the proposed Special Board Order or any other aspects of this matter are required to do so prior to the public hearing, so that the Regional Water 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  
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A copy of the proposed Special Board Order and CDO may be obtained from the Regional Board Office. The CDO is available via the Internet at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders)

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 Water Board Meeting, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.