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Public Notice No. 7-11-17  
NPDES Permit No. CA0104400  
February 28, 2011

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R7-2011-0026  
IN THE MATTER OF  
CITY OF IMPERIAL, OWNER AND OPERATOR  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT  
FOR DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT COPPER, SILVER, AND ZINC  
OF BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2010-0020  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0104400  
City of Imperial – Imperial County

City of Imperial (hereinafter Discharger) owns and operates a water pollution control plant (WPCP) that provides services to the City of Imperial. The WPCP has a total design capacity of 2.4 million gallons per day (MGD). The treatment system consists of an influent pump station, grit chamber, two parallel oxidation ditches, two secondary clarifiers, an ultraviolet disinfection system, and sludge drying beds. In 2007, the facility upgraded the treatment plant with the addition of new headworks with bar screens, two aeration basins, and two clarifiers.

The Discharger's WPCP is a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) that discharges its effluent to the Dolson Drain, a water of the United States. The Dolson Drain conveys the discharge to the Salton Sea via Lilac Drain, Rose Drain, and Alamo River. The Dolson Drain, Lilac Drain, Alamo River, and Salton Sea are waters of the United States.

On February 15, 2011, Regional Board staff received a letter from the Discharger. The letter stated in part: "The city has been investigating the source of the elevated copper, silver, and zinc concentrations in the wastewater and has not been able to identify the source of elevated concentrations. Therefore, the City is requesting this CDO to allow time for investigation into this issue..."

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13301, tentative Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R7-2011-0026 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. R7-2010-0020 with respect to the effluent discharge limitations for copper, silver, and zinc.

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

Date:	March 17, 2011
Time:	10:00 a.m.
Location:	Town of Yucca Valley Community Center - Yucca Room 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway Yucca Valley, CA 92284

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 CDO are requested to do so within 10 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 CDO 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.