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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R7-2011-0058
IN THE MATTER OF
SEELEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, OWNER AND OPERATOR
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
FOR DISCHARGES OF BACTERIAL CONCENTRATIONS
(FECAL COLIFORM, E. COLI, AND ENTEROCOCCI)
IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDER R7-2007-0036

Seeley County Water District (hereinafter the Discharger) owns and operates the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and corresponding collection and disposal systems, located at 1989 West Main Street, Seeley, CA 92273. The treatment system consists of a lift station, a drum screen, a bar screen, a "Clemson" aerated pond system with surface aerators, pressure sand filters, and an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system.

The Discharger's WWTP is a publicly owned treatment works (POTW), and provides sewerage service to the town of Seeley. Wastewater is discharged from the Discharging Point 001 of the WWTP to the New River, a water of the United States, tributary to the Salton Sea, and within the Salton Sea Transboundary watershed.

On September 28, 2011, the Assistant Executive Officer received a letter from the Discharger, which requested that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board) issue a cease and desist order for the Discharger's WWTP. The letter states in part: "Seeley County Water District proposes to make several improvements to our wastewater treatment facility that should bring our treatment plant back into compliance with our current NPDES Permit Requirements. Specifically, the wastewater plant improvements would address the violations directly related to ammonia toxicity, BOD, and bacteriological quality."

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13301, the Regional Board proposes to issue Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R7-2011-0058 to set forth actions that the Discharger shall take to correct and/or prevent discharges of waste that are in violation of Waste Discharger Requirements (WDRs) Order R7-2007-0036 with respect to the effluent discharge limitations for fecal coliform, E. coli, and Enterococci.

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

Date of hearing:	November 17, 2011
Time:	10:00 AM
Location:	Regional Water Quality Board Office, Board Room 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100 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 the tentative Order.

Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the tentative Order are requested to do so within 10 days of the date of this Notice so that the Regional Board may consider the comments.

Comments should be mailed to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Copies of tentative CDO R7-2011-0058 are available on the Regional Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/

A copy of the tentative 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.