

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region

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EQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY NO. R6V-2007-0026, CITY OF BARSTOW, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Please publish the enclosed Public Notice one (1) time as soon as possible, but no later than **December 16, 2007** in the Desert Dispatch only. Please send your invoice and proof of publication to the attention of Eric Shay at the address on the letterhead. Please contact Mr. Shay at (530) 542-5428 if you have any questions about the billing, or me at (530) 542-5432 if you have any questions about the content of the notice.

Scott C. Ferguson, Chief

Enforcement and Special Projects Unit

Enclosure

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LAHONTAN REGION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R6V-2007-0026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) is soliciting comments on a proposed settlement of Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R6V-2007-0026 (Complaint). Written comments must be received at the address above, attention Scott Ferguson, **by 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2008**.

The Water Board Assistant Executive Officer issued the Complaint in the amount of \$300,000 to the City of Barstow (City) on October 16, 2007. The Complaint alleges that the City discharged 1.5 million gallons of untreated wastewater from its wastewater treatment plant to Half Way Wash and the Mojave River on May 20-21, 2006, due to poor maintenance practices resulting in an influent pump failure.

Water Board staff received a signed waiver-of-hearing form from the City on November 15, 2007, waiving the City's right to a public hearing and agreeing to settle the Complaint with a cash payment for the full amount recommended by the Complaint. This action constitutes a proposed settlement of the Complaint.

The Complaint and related documents pertaining to this issue may be inspected and copied at the Water Board office at the address above during regular business hours. The Complaint can also be viewed on the Water Board's web site: www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan.

The agenda item concerning acceptance of the proposed settlement is tentatively scheduled for the Water Board's February 13-14, 2008 meeting. A meeting agenda with the time and location (to be determined) will be mailed to interested parties and will be made available on the Water Board web site approximately three weeks prior to the meeting.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter. Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to me at (530) 542-5432.

Scott C. Ferguson, Chief

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Date: 12/12/07

California Environmental Protection Agency