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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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The Executive Officer (EO) of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) hereby provides the following report on recent staff activities in the region:

LAND DISPOSAL – WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM

Notices of Violation/Noncompliance: One (1) Notice of Violation was issued to a Discharger for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements.

- LMG Indoor Facilities, subject to General Order 2019-0001-DWQ, was issued a Notice of Violation for the discharge of cannabis cultivation wastewater into the stormwater retention basin on December 1, 2021, Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County, *[Zak Owens, EG]*

Notices of Termination: Four Notices of Termination (NOT) were issued to Dischargers for various facilities in the Town of Yucca Valley:

- Morongo Unified School District, La Contenta Bus Yard was issued a NOT to terminate enrollment in General Order 93-600 for On-Site Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems on December 30, 2021, Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County. *[Courtney Chin, SA]*
- Morongo Unified School District, Yucca Valley Elementary School was issued a NOT to terminate enrollment in General Order 97-500 for On-Site Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems on December 30, 2021, Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County. *[Courtney Chin, SA]*
- Morongo Unified School District, Onaga Elementary School was issued a NOT to terminate enrollment in General Order 97-500 for On-Site Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems on December 30, 2021, Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County. *[Courtney Chin, SA]*
- Morongo Unified School District, La Contenta Jr. High School was issued a NOT to terminate enrollment in General Order 97-500 for On-Site Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems on December 30, 2021, Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County. *[Courtney Chin, SA]*

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) AND SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM (SCP)

Regional Water Board staff continues to work with staff from the Department of Defense (DOD) to expedite ongoing activities at cleanup sites located at military facilities within the Colorado River Basin region. The UST and SCP staff issued correspondence reviewing technical reports, requesting site access, providing direction for site assessment, and approving remedial action plans for sites currently in the assessment and cleanup process. The following table lists the correspondence regarding DoD, UST

and SCP projects issued in December 2021.

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
December 2, 2021	<p>A. Notice of Responsibility Pursuant to 23 California Code of Regulations Section 2720;</p> <p>B. Requirement for Additional Information; and</p> <p>C. Requirement for Site Assessment Workplan Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10, Corrective Action Requirements.</p>	2106 Winterhaven Drive, Winterhaven, CA, Imperial County; Global ID No. T10000013251 (APN 603-220-038-0000)	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
December 2, 2021	Final Emergency Response Documentation and Cleanup Report	CH-53 Helo Mishap - Carrizo Impact Area, 10 Miles Northwest of Interstate 8, Plaster City, California 92251 GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000013231	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
December 6, 2021	Order to Submit a Work Plan Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10, Corrective Action Requirements	McDonald's Restaurant - Rebuild Project (Site ID No. 40796), 105 West Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000012309	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
December 9, 2021	Comments on the Responses to Comments Draft Work Plan Site Inspection for Base wide Investigation of Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Dated November 10, 2021	Naval Air Facility El Centro (NAF El Centro), El Centro, California, GeoTracker ID No DoD100308000	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
December 10, 2021	Final Spring 2020 Long-Term Monitoring Report for Installation Restoration Program Site 7	Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California, GeoTracker ID No: DoD100319000	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
December 10, 2021	Response to Site Assessment Report, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10 Corrective Action	Mann Company 1313 Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000015656	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
December 13, 2021	Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of Technical Report, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10 Corrective Action	Former California Fun Mart (Current Five Brothers Fuel Stop) 105 W. Cole Boulevard, Calexico, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000009970	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
December 13, 2021	Response to RM Environmental, Inc. Letter Dated September 10, 2021	Above Ground Storage Tanks (ASTs), SOCO Bulk Plant, 815 K Street, Brawley, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000012312	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
December 15, 2021	A. Notice of Responsibility Pursuant to 23 California Code of Regulations Section 2720; B. Requirement for Additional Information; and C. Requirement for Site Assessment Workplan Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10, Corrective	Ten Four Corporation Property, 1621 N Street, Needles, CA, San Bernardino County; Global ID No. T0607192343 (APN 0185-085-31-0000)	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
	Action Requirements.		
December 20, 2021	Draft Monitoring Well and Soil Vapor Extraction System Destruction Report, Underground Storage Tank Site 8	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms California, GeoTracker ID No T060719846	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
December 21, 2021	Identified Deficiencies Requiring Response –Well Installation and Site Assessment Report	USA Gasoline Station #247, 201 W. Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County; Global ID No. T0602518829 (APN 046-192-028)	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
December 21, 2021	Approval of Corrective Action Plan –Underground Storage Tank Program	Former Escher Oil Company (Current Beck Oil, Inc.) 85-119 Avenue 50, Coachella, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. SI0606529297 Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R7-2012-0043	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
December 27, 2021	Response to Soil Gas Intrusion Investigation and Second Quarter 2021 Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report	Soco #63, 800 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, Imperial County, CA (CRWCB I.D 7T2 231 023 Global I.D. No. T0602514171)	Kola Olatunbosun, Water Resource Control Engineer
December 31, 2021	Closure/No Further Action Letter	Former Circle K #1407, Blythe, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606500742	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
December 31, 2021	Response to Additional Off-Site Groundwater Monitoring Well and Remedial Test Well Installation Report	Antunez Autobody, 238 East Main Street, El Centro, CA (CRWQCB I.D. # 7t2 243 073, Global I.D. No.	Kola Olatunbosun, Water Resource

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
		T10000007153)	Control Engineer

WQS/NPS UNIT

Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) Long Range Planning Committee December 21, 2021

Staff participated in a remote kickoff meeting for the Salton Sea Management Program Long Range Planning Committee. This meeting was held to discuss the purpose of the long-range plan, the long-range planning committee charge, the state of the Salton Sea, and provided a forum for public comments. A Science Committee will be formed to ensure the best methods and science are being used. Committee meetings will be scheduled bimonthly. [Paula Rasmussen, EO]

NPDES PROGRAM

401 Water Quality Certifications (Dredge or Fill Discharge): The following table shows the certifications that the Colorado River Basin Water Board issued in December 2021. The certifications listed were in addition to the waste discharge requirements adopted by the Regional Water Board. [Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE, Logan Raub, Environmental Scientist, Fatima Alrahem, WRCE]

Issuance Date	Applicant	Project	WDID#
12/15/2021	Southern California Edison (SCE)	TD 1662850 Pipes Wash Pole Replacement Project Section-1	7A363035001
12/15/2021	Southern California Edison (SCE)	TD 1662850 Pipes Wash Pole Replacement Project Section-2	7A363036001
12/15/2021	Southern California Edison (SCE)	TD 1662850 Pipes Wash Pole Replacement Project Section-3	7A363037001
12/30/2021	OCR Transmission, LLC	Ten West Link Transmission Line Project	7B333026001
12/31/2021	Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)	Line 2000/Line 2001 Fault Isolation – Dillon Road Project	7A333236001

Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat (SCH) Project Tour

The California Natural Resource Agency (CNRA) organized a tour as a public outreach on the Species Conservation Habitat (SCH) Project on Friday, December 10, 2021. The SCH Project is the first major habitat project of the State's Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) 10-year plan. It will create a critical habitat for birds and fish and suppress dust on approximately 4,260 acres of exposed lakebed at the Salton Sea. The SCH Project will construct fish and bird habitat by creating shallow and deep ponds in areas where the exposed lakebed area. The tour began with opening remarks, some information about the SCH site and the tour, safety instructions, and a brief introduction of each participant. The tour started at approximately 9:40 a.m. The tour which lasted approximately two hours had three stops where everyone had the opportunity to get out of the vehicle, observe the interesting highlights of the Species Conservation Habitat Project, and have an opportunity to ask questions related to the SCH Project site. The vehicles drove along the West Interception Ditch for the first stop where water will be collected from the drainages. Then, vehicles drove to the East of the New River where we had the second stop and the opportunity to observe site and construction activities such as the sedimentation basins, man-made islands, and the New River diversion. After that, vehicles drove to the Causeway, the location where a saline pump station will be constructed. The Salton Sea water will be pumped to mix it with the fresh water from the drainages and the New River. After lunch, the SSMP team gave an update on the Program. The tour concluded at approximately 2:00 p.m. [*Fatima Alrahem, WRCE and Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE, Ph.D., P.E.*]

Table 1: Mandatory Minimum Penalty Status

No.	Facility	Violation Description	Assessed Penalty	Settlement Offer Date	Waiver Received Date	Public Notice Issuance Date	Comment Due Date	EO Execution Date	Number of MMPs
1	Calexico WWTP	Bacteria Indicator & Oil/Grease violations	\$6,000 *\$87,000	2/13/19 *11/06/19	3/12/19 *12/05/19	3/13/19	4/11/19 *12/05/19 In settlement discussion		2 *29
2	Brawley WWTP	Copper & Grease, Bis (2- Ethylhexyl) phthalate	\$21,000 *\$48,000	2/21/19 *9/20/19 *11/18/21	3/18/19 *10/04/19	3/26/19 *11/23/21	4/24/19 *10/04/19 In settlement discussion *11/18/21 Proposed Stipulated Order issued	1/13/2022	7 *16
3	Seeley CWD	Bacteria indicator & Free Cyanide	\$27,000 *\$39,000	8/11/2021 *9/2/21	9/8/21 *9/23/21		*Discharger agreed to settlement discussion		9 *13
4	Holtville WWTP	Copper & Ammonia	\$15,000	11/10/2021	12/9/21				5
	TOTAL:		\$69,000 *\$189,000						23 *58

*Revised

Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (January 2022)

No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
5	25

[Maribel Pizano, SEA and Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE, Ph.D., P.E.]