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Public Notice No. 7-08-39  
NPDES Permit No. CA0104451  
September 15, 2008

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R7-2008-0065  
ISSUED TO  
CITY OF EL CENTRO  
FOR DISCHARGES OF WASTEWATER  
INTO CENTRAL MAIN DRAIN  
IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2004-0004  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0104426

The City of El Centro (Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system and provides sewerage service to its residents. The wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has a treatment capacity of eight (8) million gallons-per-day. The final effluent from the WWTP is discharged to the Central Main Drain, which then conveys the effluent for eight (8) miles to the Alamo River and then flows 39 miles to the Salton Sea. On March 30, 2004, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional 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 Central Main Drain. The Permit is assigned NPDES Permit No. CA0104426, Board Order No. R7-2004-0004.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Regional Board has issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ALCL) No. R7-2008-0065 against the Discharger, alleging that it discharged wastewater that exceeded effluent limits set forth in Board Order No. R7-2004-0004. ALCL No. R7-2008-0065 replaces ALCL No. R7-2008-0030, which was issued on April 28, 2008, and rescinded on September 9, 2008. Pursuant to Section 13385 of the California Water Code (CWC), this Complaint proposes that the Discharger pay twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) in mandatory minimum penalties for alleged violations of effluent limitations specified in Board Order No. R7-2004-0004.

Unless the Discharger agrees to waive its right to a hearing on the matter, as provided by CWC Section 13323(b), the Regional Board will proceed with the public hearing as follows:

Date: November 19, 2008  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: City of Indio  
City Council Chambers  
150 Civic Center Mall  
Indio, CA 92201-4434

During the public hearing, the public and any other persons interested in this matter can provide the Regional Board with comments on this matter.

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If the Discharger waives its right to the public hearing and pays the administrative civil liability in full, the Regional Board may still decide to conduct a public hearing on this matter. The settlement of this Complaint will become final thirty (30) days from the date of this Public Notice. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to, the proposed ACLC or any other aspects of this matter are required to do so within thirty (30) days of the date of this Public 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 Complaint may be obtained from the Regional Board Office. 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 Board Meeting, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 no later than 10 days before the scheduled public hearing.