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NPDES Permit No. CA0104451
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R7-2009-0007
IN THE MATTER OF
NILAND SANITARY DISTRICT, OWNER/OPERATOR
OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
FOR DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT THAT EXCEED THE LIMITATIONS
FOR COPPER IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDERS NO. R7-2003-0049 AND R7-2008-0020
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0104451)

The Niland Sanitary District (Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection and disposal system and provides sewerage service to the City of Niland. The wastewater treatment plant is designed to treat municipal wastewater flows of up to 0.5 million gallons per day (MGD). On February 14, 2003, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR), and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit to regulate the discharge of treated municipal wastewater to the "R" Drain. The Permit is assigned NPDES Permit No. CA0104451, Board Order No. R7-2003-0049. On November 19, 2008, the Regional Board adopted WDR Order No. R7-2008-0020, which rescinded WDR Order No. R7-2003-0049.

The treated wastewater does not meet effluent discharge limits specified in the WDRs for copper, BOD, and E.Coli. Therefore, the Discharger has been in chronic violation of effluent discharge limitation for copper, BOD, and E. Coli resulting in the accumulation of mandatory minimum penalties for violations of the effluent limitations.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13301, the Regional Board will consider the adoption of Draft Cease and Desist Order No. R7-2009-0007 which sets forth actions that the Discharger shall take to correct or prevent discharges of waste that are in violation of Board Order No. R7-2008-0020 with respect to the effluent discharge limitations for copper.

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

Date of hearing: January 22, 2009
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: El Centro City Hall
1275 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

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

Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the tentative Cease and Desist Order are requested to do so within 30 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 Cease and Desist 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.