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Public Notice No. 7-05-25
NPDES Permit No. CA0104451
October 5, 2005

PROPOSED
ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER NO. R7-2005-0112
ISSUED TO
NILAND SANITARY DISTRICT
FOR DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT
EXCEEDING THE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS
INTO THE "R" DRAIN
THAT VIOLATE BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2003-0049
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. On February 14, 2003, 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 treated municipal wastewater to the "R" Drain. The Permit is assigned NPDES Permit No. CA0104451, Board Order No. R7-2003-0049.

The Executive Officer of the Regional Board issued Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaint No. R7-2005-0105 against the Discharger, alleging that Niland Sanitary District discharged wastewater that exceeded effluent limits set forth in Board Order No R7-2003-0049. Pursuant to Section 13385 of the California Water Code, this complaint proposed that the discharger pay one hundred eight thousand dollars (\$108,000) in mandatory minimum penalties for violations of specified effluent limitations. Niland Sanitary District proposed to spend an equivalent amount toward the implementation of a compliance project (CP) that is consistent with Section X of the Water Quality Enforcement Policy. The CP has been incorporated into the proposed ACL Order No. R7-2005-0112. The ACL Complaint was rescinded by the Executive Officer on August 18, 2005 in anticipation of incorporating the CP in the proposed ACL Order.

The Regional Board will consider adoption of the ACL Order at a public meeting as follows:

Date: November 16, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: La Quinta City Council Chambers

During the meeting, the public and any other person interested in this matter can provide the Regional Board with comments on this matter. Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the ACL Order or other aspects of this matter, are required to do so within 30 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
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A copy of the proposed Order may be obtained from the Regional Board Office or at the Colorado River Basin Region website <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver>. 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 meeting.