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Public Notice No. 7-08-16
NPDES Permit No. CA7000001
August 14, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R7-2008-0018
ISSUED TO
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION;
CENTINELA STATE PRISON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT;
FOR
DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT THAT EXCEED THE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS
OF THE DIXIE DRAIN 1-C IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2003-0096
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA7000001

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Centinela State Prison (hereinafter, jointly referred to as Discharger) own and operate a wastewater treatment plant within the City of Imperial. Raw sewage flows through the collection system to the wastewater treatment facility. The wastewater treatment plant is designed to treat wastewater flows of up to 0.73 million gallons per day. On June 25, 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 Dixie Drain 1-C. The Permit is assigned NPDES Permit No. CA7000001, Board Order No. R7-2003-0096.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Regional Board has issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R7-2008-0018 against the Discharger, alleging that the Discharger discharged wastewater that exceeded effluent limits set forth in Board Order No. R7-2003-0096. Pursuant to Section 13385 of the California Water Code, this complaint proposes that the discharger pay seventy eight thousand dollars (\$78,000) in mandatory minimum penalties for violations of specified effluent limitations.

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

Date of hearing:	September 17, 2008
Time:	10:00 am
Location:	City of Indio City Council Chambers 150 Civic Center Mall Indio, CA 92201

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

If the Discharger waives its right to the hearing and pays the Administrative Civil Liability in full, the Regional Board may still decide to conduct a Hearing on this matter. The settlement of this Complaint will become final 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the proposed Administrative Civil Liability Complaint or any 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 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.

For any person, who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Regional Meeting, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than 10 days before the scheduled public hearing.