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Public Notice No. 7-08-25  
NPDES Permit No. CA0104370  
November 17, 2008

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R7-2008-0053  
ISSUED TO CITY OF HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
FOR  
DISCHARGES OF EFFLUENT THAT EXCEED THE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS  
OF THE CENTRAL DRAIN IN VIOLATION OF BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2006-0049  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0104370

Heber Public Utility District (Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection system and wastewater treatment plant serving the City of Heber. The wastewater treatment plant is designed to treat municipal wastewater.

On June 21, 2006, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R7-2006-0049 (NPDES Permit No. CA0104370) for Heber Public Utility District Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Regional Board has issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R7-2008-0053 against the Discharger, alleging that it discharged wastewater that exceeded effluent limits set forth in Board Order No R7-2006-0049. Pursuant to Section 13385 of the California Water Code, this Complaint proposes that the Discharger pay forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) in mandatory minimum penalties for violations of specified effluent limitations. The Discharger may propose to spend an equivalent amount toward the implementation of a compliance project that is consistent with Section X of the Water Quality Enforcement Policy (Policy). The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Policy on February 19, 2002 as Resolution No. 2002-0040, and it was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and became effective on July 30, 2002.

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: January 22, 2009  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: City of 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 Board with comments on this matter.

If the Discharger waives its right to the hearing and pays the administrative civil liability in full, no hearing will be held. The settlement of this Complaint will become final 30 days from the date of this Public Notice to allow the public an opportunity to comment. 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.

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.