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NPDE Permit CA0104361  
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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

### **SPECIAL BOARD ORDER R7-2015-0047 AMENDING CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R7-2009-0061 ISSUED TO CITY OF HOLTVILLE, OWNER/OPERATOR, MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT,**

The City of Holtville (Discharger) owns and operates a sewage collection system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) (hereinafter "Facility") that provides sewerage service to the City of Holtville. The Facility has a treatment capacity of 0.85 million gallons-per-day. The final effluent from the WWTP is discharged to the Pear Drain, a tributary to the Alamo River, and ultimately to the Salton Sea. The Pear Drain, the Alamo River, and the Salton Sea are waters of the United States. On June 21, 2006, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit to regulate the discharge of the treated municipal wastewater from the WWTP into the Pear Drain. The Permit is assigned NPDES Permit CA0104361, Board Order R7-2006-0050, which was to expire on June 21, 2011. On May 19, 2011, the Regional Water Board adopted Board Order R7-2011-0020 (NPDES Permit CA0104361). Board Order R7-2011-0020 rescinded Board Order R7-2006-0050, except for enforcement purposes.

Effluent data from the WWTP show that the Discharger violated the ammonia limitation established by Board Order R7-2006-0050. Consequently, on September 17, 2009, the Regional Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R7-2009-0061 to address violations of Board Order R7-2006-0050. The Discharger is currently designing improvements to the WWTP to bring the ammonia discharges into compliance with its NPDES Permit.

On September 29, 2010, the Discharger, in a letter to the Assistant Executive Officer (AEO), requested that the Regional Water Board amend CDO R7-2009-0061 to extend the milestone deadlines specified therein to August 17, 2014. The Discharger stated that it would continue working with funding agencies to secure funding for the design and construction of the WWTP improvements required to comply with Board Order R7-2006-0050. On January 20, 2011, Special Board Order R7-2011-0061 was adopted, granting the requested extension.

On February 7, 2013 the Discharger, in a letter to the Regional Water Board staff, requested that the Regional Water Board make a second amendment to CDO R7-2006-0050 to further extend completion dates of milestones specified therein to December 31, 2015. On March 21, 2013, Special Board Order R7-2013-0029 was adopted, granting the requested extension.

On August 21, 2015, in a letter to the Executive Officer (EO), the Discharger provided information showing that WWTP improvements had commenced on August 10, 2015. The Discharger states that it is requesting these adjustments due to construction delay. It requested that the time schedule stated in Special Board Order R7-2013-0029 be extended to account for construction delay. The Discharger requested adjustments as follows:

<b>WWTP Upgrades</b>			
<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Milestone Description</b>	<b>Completion Date per R7-2013-0029</b>	<b>Requested Adjusted Completion Date</b>
6	Construction of WWTP Improvements	December 31, 2015	<b>December 31, 2016</b>
7	Achieve full compliance with Order R7-2006-0050 (NPDES Permit CA0104361)	December 31, 2015	<b>December 31, 2016</b>

In accordance with the requirements set forth in CWC Section 13385(j)(3)(C), this proposed Special Board Order revises CDO R7-2009-0061 to extend the milestone deadlines specified on page 5, Ordered Paragraph No. 1 for all Milestones.

The Regional Board will proceed with the public hearing as follows:

Date: November 19, 2015  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
 Colorado River Basin Region Board Room  
 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
 Palm Desert, CA 92260.

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

Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the proposed Special Board Order or any other aspects of this matter are required to do so prior to the public hearing, so that the Regional Water Board may consider the comments.

Comments must be mailed to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
 Colorado River Basin Region  
 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
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A copy of the proposed Special Board Order and CDO may be obtained from the Regional Board Office. The CDO is available via the Internet at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders)

Please contact Kai Dunn at (760) 776-8986 for any questions regarding this matter. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Regional Water Board Meeting, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.