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The Executive Officer (EO) of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) hereby provides the following report on recent staff activities in the region:

LAND DISPOSAL – WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM

Notices of Violation/Noncompliance: Two (2) Notices of Violation/Noncompliance were issued to Dischargers for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements.

- Barbara Worth Country Club Collection System was issued a Notice of Violation for discharges subject to General Order 2006-0003-DWQ, on October 5, 2021, Holtville, Imperial County. *[Reggie Tan, WRCE]*
- Notice of Violation for 4955 Neighbors Boulevard, APN 821-200-004, was issued a Notice of Violation for discharges which are subject to General Order 2019-0001-DWQ, October 6, 2021, Blythe, Ca, Riverside County. *[Zak Owens, EG]*

Notices of Termination: 19 NOTs were issued to Dischargers for various projects regionwide:

- 18 recycled water users in Coachella Valley Water District's Water Reclamation Plant were issued NOTs on October 6, 2021. The use sites are now regulated under General Order 2016-0068 with CVWD as the administrator. *[Courtney Chin, SA]*
- The City of Blythe's Water Production and Treatment Facility was issued a NOT to terminate enrollment for General Order 2003-0003-DWQ for low threat dischargers on October 19, 2021, Blythe, Riverside County. *[Adriana Godinez, WRCE]*

Notifications and Approvals: Approvals/Notifications were issued to Dischargers for various projects regionwide:

- Allied Imperial Class III Landfill was issued a notification letter regarding Assembly Bill 332 for Alternative Management Standards for Treated Wood Waste on October 20, 2021, Imperial, Imperial County. *[Zak Owens, EG]*
- Salton City Class III Landfill was issued a notification letter regarding Assembly Bill 332 for Alternative Management for Treated Wood Waste on October 20, 2021, Imperial, Imperial County. *[Zak Owens, EG]*

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) AND SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM (SCP)

Regional Water Board staff continues to work with staff from the Department of Defense (DOD) to expedite ongoing activities at cleanup sites located at military facilities within the Colorado River Basin region. The UST and SCP staff issued correspondence reviewing technical reports, requesting site access, providing direction for site assessment, and approving remedial action plans for sites currently in the assessment and cleanup process. The following table lists the correspondence regarding DoD, UST and SCP projects issued in October 2021.

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
October 11, 2021	Response to Site Conceptual Model	USA Gasoline Station #291, 104 West Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County; Global ID No. T0602553770	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
October 25, 2021	Approval of Subsurface Investigation Workplan	Former Wave Crest, Inc., 93243 Highway 111, Mecca, Riverside County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606599293 Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF) - B276	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
October 26, 2021	Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of Technical Report, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10 Corrective Action	Mann Company, 1313 Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000015656	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
October 27, 2021	Response to Comments: Draft Work Plan Shoreline and Inspection Area Survey and Surface Removal	Former Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County, California, GeoTracker ID No: T10000007745	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
October 29, 2021	Response to Post-Remedial Groundwater Monitoring Report (3rd Quarter, 2021)	Blythe Environmental Remediation Project – Commingled Plume 6; 101, 110, 149, 200, 201, 249 E. Hobsonway and 107 W. Hobsonway, Blythe, Riverside County– Claim No. CP0019	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

On October 4, 2021 the Regional Water Board provided a letter of acceptance for the Coachella Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) Development Workplan to the Coachella Valley Stakeholder Group. The Regional Water Board found the SNMP Workplan acceptable.

Enforcement Supplemental Environmental Project Update – NCA Management Co., LLC.

During the March 9, 2021 Board Hearing the Colorado River Basin Water Board approved a settlement agreement with NCA Management Co., LLC. (NCA) for \$125,000. NCA is a cannabis cultivation company that operated an indoor grow operation in Needles, CA. The entire amount of the fine was designated for the design and construction of the L Street Booster Station for the City of Needles. The project will improve the water pressure and reliability year-round, but especially during the summer months.

NCA has made the scheduled \$5,208.34 payment monthly as stipulated in the agreement for a total of \$36,458.38 paid to date. The L Street design plans have been completed. The request for bids for construction has been submitted with a deadline for submittal of December 1, 2021. The Categorical Exemption for the project which replaces existing facilities was filed by the City of Needles on October 18, 2021. The City has expensed \$57,888 for the L Street Booster Station project.

NPDES PROGRAM

401 Water Quality Certifications (Dredge or Fill Discharge): No additional certifications were issued in October 2021 other than the waste discharge requirements adopted by the Regional Water Board. *[Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE]*

Table 1: Mandatory Minimum Penalty Status

Number	Facility	Violation Description	Assessed Penalty	Settlement Offer Date	Waiver Received Date	Public Notice Issuance Date	Comment Due Date	EO Execution Date	Number of MMPs
1	Calexico WWTP	Bacteria Indicator & Oil/Grease violations	\$6,000 *\$87,000	2/13/19 *11/06/19	3/12/19 *12/05/19	3/13/19	4/11/19 *12/05/19 In settlement discussions		2 *29
2	Brawley WWTP	Copper & Grease, Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate	\$21,000 *\$48,000	2/21/19 *9/20/19	3/18/19 *10/04/19	3/26/19	4/24/19 *10/04/19 In settlement discussions		7 *16
3	Seeley CWD	Bacteria indicator & Free Cyanide	\$27,000 *\$39,000	8/11/2021 *9/2/21	9/8/21 *9/23/21		*Discharger agreed to settlement discussions		9 *13
4	Holtville WWTP	Copper & Ammonia	\$15,000	11/10/2021					5
	TOTAL:		\$69,000 *\$174,000						23 *58

*Revised

Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (November 2021)

No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
4	24

[Maribel Pizano, SEA and Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE, Ph.D., P.E.]