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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: Five (5) Notices of Violation were issued to Dischargers for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements and the California Water Code.

- I Cheng Guo, Imperial Green Rush, Inc., subject to General Order 2019-0001-DWQ, issued April 7, 2022, Imperial County, *[Zak Owens, EG and Kathleen Bindle, WRCE]*
- City of Palm Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility, subject to Order R7-2017-0013, issued April 18, 2022, Palm Springs, Riverside County, *[Courtney Chin, SA and Reginald Tan]*
- Coachillin' Holdings LLC, for failure to comply with Water Code 13260, issued April 22, 2022, Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County, *[Kathleen Bindle, WRCE]*
- Coachillin Energy Company LLC, subject to Order R7-2020-0029, issued April 25, 2022, Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County, *[Courtney Chin, SA and German Meyers, WRCE]*

Approvals and Notifications: One (1) Approval/Notification was issued to a Discharger:

- Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., Salton City Class III Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility, subject to Board Order R7-2013-0048, was issued a Letter of Concurrence of Non-Hazardous Classification for New Waste Stream on April 28, 2022, Salton City, Imperial County. *[Zak Owens, EG]*

WATER QUALITY/NON-POINT SOURCE PROGRAMS

Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition Quarterly Meeting

Staff attended a quarterly meeting of the Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition (CVILC) on April 20, 2022. Staff discussed pending reports, cooperative actions needed for timely compliance, and other related topics. CVILC informed staff of upcoming outreach activities to disseminate information to enrolled farmers. *[Jennie Snyder, WRCE; Francisco Costa, ES; Emma McCorkle, SES]*

Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Cultural Committee Presentation

Staff attended a Cultural Committee meeting of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians in Thermal, CA on April 14, 2022. Staff provided a brief description of the Basin Plan amendment process and of the area that the Basin Plan Amendment for Designating

Beneficial Uses for Salton Sea Constructed Aquatic Habitats is being developed. Staff addressed questions, comments, and concerns that the Tribe’s Cultural Committee had regarding any potential impacts that the Project will have on the Tribe’s Cultural Resources. [*Hajer Dawoody, EG; Maria Davydova-Flores, ES; Cassandra Owens, AEO*]

California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Salton Sea Management Project (SSMP) Annual Report Workshop

The SSMP team released its 2022 Annual Report and invited community members and all interested parties to a virtual community meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. The team provided an in-depth presentation of the 2022 Annual Report which included: an overview of the Salton Sea and priorities of the program, the purpose of the annual report, completed SSMP projects along with future and ongoing projects, current partnerships and community engagement, and the status of planning activities. The SSMP team discussed the importance of land access for the timelines of these projects, the completion of interim dust suppression projects, and current work on habitat and vegetation enhancement projects around the Salton Sea. [*Hajer Dawoody, 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 April 2022.

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
April 4, 2022	Personal Identifiable Information Errata Pages for Final Work Plan for Shoreline and Inspection Area Survey and Surface Removal, Former Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County	Former Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County, California, GeoTracker ID No: T10000007745	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
April 5, 2022	Draft Spring 2021 Semiannual Long-Term Monitoring, Landfill Inspection, and Maintenance Report for Installation Restoration Sites 1 and 2 (Report)	Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California, GeoTracker ID Nos: DoD100312800 and DoD100317400	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
April 5, 2022	Approval Of Time Extension Request for Submittal of Corrective Action Plan, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10 Corrective Action	Calipatria Queen Market 7788, 101 East Main Street, Calipatria, Imperial County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000011602	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
April 6, 2022	Draft Removal Action Work Plan Non-Time-Critical Removal Action at Munitions Response Program (MRP) Site 2 (Former Small Arms Range)	Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California, GeoTracker ID No: T10000011417	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
April 6, 2022	Approval of Additional Soil and Groundwater Sampling Workplan, Above Ground Storage Tank at Pasha #1 Shop of Richard Bagdasaria, Inc.	Pasha #1 Shop, ½-Mile East of Pierce Street Along 59th Avenue, Riverside County, Thermal, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000016560, Cost Recovery ID No. 2070027	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
April 7, 2022	Underground Storage Tank Program -Notice of Violation for Failure to Submit a Work Plan Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10; Corrective Action Requirements	Former USA Gas: 1979 West Ramsey Street, Banning, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606537906 (APN 538-150-042)	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
April 7, 2022	Response to Request for Extension of the Due Date for the Submission of the "Transmissivity Test Work Plan" Technical Report	Chevron Station No. 306573, 324 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, (CRWQCB I.D. # 7t2 231 021, Global I.D. No. T0602520155)	Greg Middleton, Senior Engineering Geologist
April 11, 2022	Water Code Section 13267 and 13383 Order WQ 2019-0045- DWQ for	Allen Industrial & Machine, 960 S. Hathaway Drive, Banning, Riverside	Alex Valentine, Engineering

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
	the Determination of The Presence of Per-And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	County, GeoTracker Global ID: T10000013581	Geologist
April 14, 2022	Approval of Additional Site Investigation Work Plan	Riverland RV Resort, Aboveground Storage Tank Facility, 3401 Parker Dam Road, Earp, San Bernardino County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000002077, BLM No. CAAZCA 26035	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
April 22, 2022	Response To Request for Extension for the Submission of the "Transmissivity Test Work Plan" Technical Report	Chevron Station No. 306573, 324 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, (CRWQCB I.D. # 7t2 231 021, Global I.D. No. T0602520155)	Greg Middleton, Senior Engineering Geologist
April 22, 2022	Response To Request for Extension for the Submission of the "Transmissivity Test Work Plan" Technical Report	Former Chevron Station No. 92693, 400 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, (CRWQCB I.D. # 7t2 231 002, Global I.D. No. T0602500034)	Greg Middleton, Senior Engineering Geologist
April 22. 2022	Personal Identifiable Information Errata Pages for Final Work Plan for Shoreline and Inspection Area Survey and Surface Removal, Former Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County	Former Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County, California, GeoTracker ID No: T10000007745	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
April 25, 2022	Approval of Site Investigation Work Plan, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10, Corrective Action Requirements	McDonald's Restaurant - Rebuild Project (Site ID No. 40796), 105 West Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000012309	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
April 26, 2022	Water Code Sections 13267 And 13383 Order for the Determination of the Presence of Per- and Poly Fluoroalkyl Substances at Next Level Powder Coating, 7361 Hopi Trail, Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County	Next Level Powder Coating, 7361 Hopi Trail, Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County	Alex Valentine, Engineering Geologist

NPDES PROGRAM

401 Water Quality Certifications (Dredge or Fill Discharge): The following table shows the certification that the Colorado River Basin Water Board issued in April 2022. The certification was in addition to the waste discharge requirements adopted by the Regional Water Board. *[Logan Raub, Environmental Scientist, Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE]*

Issuance Date	Applicant	Project	WDID#
4/4/2022	Coachella Valley Water District	Palm Desert Groundwater Replenishment Project	7A333188001

Table 1: Mandatory Minimum Penalty Status

No.	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 discussion		2 *29
2	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 discussion		9 *13
	TOTAL:		\$33,000 *\$126,000						11 *42

*Revised

Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (March 2022)

No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
6	29

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