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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 for June and July 2024 in the region:

1. LAND DISPOSAL - WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM

New River Sampling: During the months of June and July 2024, staff from the Land Disposal Unit coordinated the New River Sampling Program by preparing sample bottles, coordinating lab contracts, and assisting in record keeping. Emma McCorkle and Ryan Culhane of the Water Quality Standards Unit went to the sampling location on June 24, 2024, but were not able to access the sampling station due to construction equipment and excavation on the New River Improvement Project. Water Quality sampling was not performed. Jose Figueroa and Daniel Echeverria of the NPDES Unit performed New River Sampling on July 16, 2024. Imperial County [Julya Mestas, WRCE].

Correspondence: Land Disposal Unit staff issued correspondence to dischargers regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for: analysis of technical reports, providing comments and/or approving work plans in accordance with WDRs, notices for violation of WDRs, notices of applicability for enrollment in general orders, and notices of termination of enrollment in general orders. The following table lists correspondence and notifications addressed to WDR and Land Disposal facilities issued in June and July 2024.

Date	Subject	Facility	Staff
6/6/2024	Notice of Violation, February 2023 Through April 2024, Self- Monitoring Reports, Order R7-2012-0035	Salton Community Services District, Lansing Avenue, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Salton City, Imperial County	Adrian Lopez, Water Resource Control Engineer
6/5/2024	Notice Of Violation, February 2023 Through April 2024, Self- Monitoring Reports, Order R7-2018-0013	Salton Community Services District, Thomas R. Cannell, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Salton City, Imperial County	Adrian Lopez, Water Resource Control Engineer
6/6/2024	Notice of Violation, January 2023 Through April 2024, Self- Monitoring Reports, Order R7-2014-0007	Salton Community Services District, Desert Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant, Desert Shores, Imperial County	Adrian Lopez, Water Resource Control Engineer

Date	Subject	Facility	Staff
6/14/2024	Notice Of Violation, Failure to Submit Engineering Report, and Monitoring Reports, Order R7-2011-0056	Needles Unified School District, Big River Elementary, Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System, Big River, San Bernardino County	Adrian Lopez, Water Resource Control Engineer
6/14/2024	Notice of Violation, Order 97-500(37)	Destiny McIntyre RV Resort Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, Blythe, Riverside County	Adrian Lopez, Water Resource Control Engineer
6/17/2024	Notice of Termination, General Order 97- 500(86)	Fairway Mobile Estates Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, San Bernardino County	Kevin Gonzalez, Water Resource Control Engineer
6/17/2024	Notice of Termination, General Order 97- 500(126)	Yucca Valley Trailer Court Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, San Bernardino County	Kevin Gonzalez, Water Resource Control Engineer
6/20/2024	Notice of Termination, General Order 97- 500(68)	Aztec Mobile Home Park Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, San Bernardino County	Kevin Gonzalez, Water Resource Control Engineer
7/22/2024	Notice of Termination, General Order 97- 500(87)	Apache Mobile Home Park Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, San Bernardino County	Kevin Gonzalez, Water Resource Control Engineer
7/22/2024	Notice of Violation, Failure to Submit Report of Waste Discharge, Order R7-2013-0031	Calexico East Border Crossing Station Wastewater Treatment Facility, Calexico	Adriana Godinez, Water Resource Control Engineer
7/24/2024	Request for Report of Waste Discharge, Update of Waste Discharge Requirements, Board Order R7-2012-0001	Palm Springs Unified School District, Rancho Mirage High School Cooling Towers, Ranch Mirage, Riverside County	Adriana Godinez, Water Resource Control Engineer

Date	Subject	Facility	Staff
7/25/2024	Change to Threat to Water Quality Rating, Order R7-2011-0056	Big River Elementary Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System, 149123 New North Road, Big River, San Bernardino County	Adrian Lopez, Water Resource Control Engineer
7/25/2024	Notice of Violation, Failure to Submit Self- Monitoring Reports, Order 2003-0003- DWQ(35)	La Quinta Costco Cooling Tower, La Quinta, Riverside County	Adriana Godinez, Water Resource Control Engineer
7/25/2024	Fee Reassessment; Ocotillo RV Resort Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System	Ocotillo RV Resort Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System, Imperial County	Adrian Lopez, Water Resource Control Engineer

2. WATER QUALITY/NON-POINT SOURCE PROGRAMS

Colorado River Basin Salinity Forum Work Group

The Colorado River Basin Salinity Forum Work Group met June 3-4, 2024 in person in Durango, CO and virtually on Zoom. This meeting was held prior to the Salinity Forum's spring meeting on June 5-6, 2024. The Work Group discussed legislation to fix the cost share issues that are impacting the Control Forum's budget. There was discussion regarding a new national monument in New Mexico which could halt salinity control measures in that area and impact downstream users. Federal agency partners provided updates on activities such as funding program issues, recent studies, updates to stream data network, and changes to the salinity modeling program. Proposed studies for available funding were also discussed with recommendations for three projects to be funded. [Emma McCorkle, SES]

Salton Sea Water Quality Monitoring

On July 16, 2024, staff joined California Department of Fish and Wildlife's boat crew and science team for water quality sampling at the Salton Sea. Staff visited two sites at the southern end of the Sea and took water samples to be analyzed for multiple pollutants including bacteria, nutrients, and pesticides. This is part of an ongoing sampling effort to obtain data on the water quality of the Salton Sea consistent with the Salton Sea Management Program. [Emma McCorkle, SES]

3. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK AND SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM

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 June and July 2024.

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
June 4, 2024		SFPP Imperial Terminal, 345 West Aten Road, Imperial, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No SL0602547192	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
June 5, 2024	Request for a Work Plan for Additional Assessment – Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Groundwater Monitoring, Testing and Analysis	Palm Springs International Airport, Palm Springs, Riverside County, California GeoTracker Global ID No. 10000012782	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
June 5, 2024	Request for a Work Plan for Additional Assessment Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Groundwater Monitoring, Testing and Analysis Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13267, Amendment to Investigative Order WQ 2019-005-DWQ; for Imperial County Airport	Imperial County Airport 1099 Airport Road, Imperial, Imperial County, California GeoTracker Global ID No. 10000012781	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
June 6, 2026	Approval of a Second Semiannual 2023 Groundwater Monitoring Report	SFPP Imperial Terminal, 345 West Aten Road, Imperial, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No SL0602547192	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
June 12, 2024	Approval of Additional Site Assessment Report and Notification Requirement	USA Self Service/Douglas Station at 1147 West Hobsonway, Blythe, CA 92225, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606500889, EAR Number R19-205	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
June 12, 2024	Uniform Closure Letter	Former Tremendez Automotive, 82980 Highway 111, Indio, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606500699	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
· ·	Review of Draft Waste Management Plan, Installation Restoration Site 14	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County, GeoTracker Global ID No: DOD100399200	Jeff Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist
June 18, 2024	Concurrence with the Final Work Plan Addendum, Long-Term Monitoring, Landfill Inspection and Maintenance	Installation Restoration Sites 1 and 2, Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro California, GeoTracker ID Nos: DOD100312800 and DOD100317400	Jessie Del Mastro, Engineering Geologist
	Assessment Report and Notification Requirement	Blocker Transportation, 910 14 th Avenue, Blythe, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606500896	
·	Comments on 1 st Semi- Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report, 2023	Former Unocal #3201, 324 Imperial Ave., Calexico, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T060250155	Thomas Browne, Water Resource Control Engineer
	Comments on 2nd Semi- Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report, 2023	Former Unocal #3201, 324 Imperial Ave., Calexico, GeoTracker Global ID No. T060250155	Thomas Browne, Water Resource Control Engineer
	Annual 2023 Groundwater	Former Meaders Cleaners Site, 711 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California 92264, GeoTracker Global ID No. SLT7P006115	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
· ·	Supplemental Review of Request for Closure Report	Twin Pines Ranch, 49500 Twin Pines Ranch Road, Banning, CA 92220, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606500736	Jeff Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist
1		Former Thrifty Oil Co. Station. No. 426, Thrifty Oil Co., 444 Imperial Avenue, Calexico,	Thomas Browne, Water Resource Control Engineer

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		Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0602500033	
	2023 and Third Quarter 2023 Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report	Former Thrifty Oil Co. Station. No. 426, Thrifty Oil Co., 444 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0602500033	Thomas Browne, Water Resource Control Engineer
June 26, 2024	Case Closure/No Further Action	Arco Line 90, Essex (Ward Valley), San Bernardino County, Global ID Number T10000006013	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
July 2, 2024	Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of Workplan	Mann Company, 1313 Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County, Global ID No. T10000015656	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 3, 2024	Nonconcurrence With the Final Long-Term Monitoring Work Plan, Munition Response Program Site UXO [Unexploded Ordinance] 01	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, California, GeoTracker Global ID No: T10000004231	Jeff Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist
July 8, 2024	Sample and Analysis Plan	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, California, GeoTracker Global ID No: T10000004231	Jeff Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist
	Recovery Program; Above Ground Storage Tanks at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company Site	Centro, Imperial County, California 92243 GeoTracker Global ID No: T10000019745	Monica Aragon Guzman Engineering Geologist
July 8, 2024	Recovery Program for the	PG&E Topock Compressor Station Site, I-40 and Park Moabi Road, Needles, California. 92363	Monica Aragon Guzman Engineering Geologist

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		GeoTracker Global ID No. SL0607161506	
July 8, 2024	Recovery Program for the Former Unocal/GEMCOR	Former Unocal/Geothermal Energy and Mineral Corporation (GEMCOR) Facility, 950 West Lindsey Road, Calipatria, Imperial County GeoTracker Global ID No. T100000006199	Monica Aragon Guzman Engineering Geologist
July 8, 2024		Blocker Transportation, 910 West 14 TH Avenue, Blythe, Riverside County; Global ID No. T0606500896	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 8, 2024	Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment for Proposed Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Pursuant to Low- Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy	USA Self Service/Douglas Station at 1147 West Hobsonway, Blythe, CA 92225, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606500889	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 9, 2024	Former C.S. Griggs and Son Site	BNSF Railway Company, Former C.S. Griggs and Son Site, 1705 Eagle Pass Road, Needles, San Bernardino County, GeoTracker Global ID. No. SL0607137045	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 9, 2024	BNSF Railway Company, Needles Rail Yard Site.	Needles Rail Yard Site, Southeast of Intersection of "H" Street & River Street, Needles, San Bernardino County, GeoTracker Global ID No SL0607134791	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
July 9, 2024	SFPP, L.P. Coachella	Kinder Morgan Energy Partners (Formerly SFPP, L.P.) Coachella Release Site, Avenue 52, Coachella,	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist

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		Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No SL06006535159	
July 9, 2024	Annual Estimation for Cost Recovery Program; – SFPP Imperial Terminal	SFPP Imperial Terminal, 345 West Aten Road, Imperial, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No SL0602547192	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
July 9, 2024	Approval of Extension Request for the Submittal of a Report	Kinder Morgan Energy Partners (Formerly Santa Fe Pipeline, L.P.) Coachella Release Site, Avenue 52, Coachella, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. SI0606535159	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
July 10, 2024	Annual Estimation for Cost Recovery Program for the Former Sun Cleaners Site	South Palm Canyon Drive,	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 10, 2024		Meaders Cleaners Site, 711 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California 92264 (SCP: Meaders Cleaners SLT7P006115)	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 10, 2024	Recovery Program for the CH-53 Helo Mishap – Carrizo Impact Area Site	CH-53 Helo Mishap – Carrizo Impact Area, 10 Miles Northwest of Interstate 8, Plaster City, California, 92251, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000013231	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 10, 2024		KC-130 Fuel Release Site – Agricultural Field, 5900 Polk Street, Thermal, Riverside County, California 92274, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000018709	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 10, 2024	Recovery Program; Above	Westmorland SoCo Windsor Fueling Facility (SC Fuels), 502 Boarts Road, Westmorland, Imperial	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

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		County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000012310	
July 10, 2024	Annual Estimation for Cost Recovery Program; Above Ground Storage Tanks		Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 10, 2024	Recovery Program; Above	Brawley SoCo Bulk Plant (SC Fuels), 815 K Street, Brawley, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000012312	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 10, 2024	Annual Estimation for Cost Recovery Program; Above Ground Storage Tanks		Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 12, 2024	Approval of Extension Request for the Submittal of a Work Plan	BNSF Railway Company, Former C.S. Griggs and Son Site, 1705 Eagle Pass Road, Needles, San Bernardino County GeoTracker Global ID No. SL0607137045	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 15, 2024		Former Chevron Station 92693, 400 Imperial Ave, Calexico, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0602500034	Thomas Browne, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 17, 2024	Request for GeoTracker Electronic Submittal of Information, for KC-130 Fuel Release Site	KC-130 Fuel Release Site – Agricultural Field, 5900 Polk Street, Thermal, Riverside County, California 92274, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000018709	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 17, 2024	Information, Requirements for CH53 Helo Mishap Site	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
July 17, 2024	Request for GeoTracker Electronic Submittal of Information, Requirements for Sun Cleaners Site	Former Sun Cleaners, 611 South Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 18, Palm Springs, California 92264, APN 513- 290-014-9 GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000013330	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 22, 2024	Site Cleanup Program Oversight Cost Reimbursement Account; Transformer Soybean Oil Spill	Transformer Soybean Oil Spill, 1102 East Simpson Rd, Calipatria, California, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000022551	Jessie Del Mastro, Engineering Geologist
July 23, 2024		Thermal Airport, 56850 Tyler Street, Thermal, Ca 92274 GeoTracker Global I.D. No. SI20702103	Jeff Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist
July 24, 2024	Review of Fourth Quarter 2023 and First Quarter 2024 Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report	Former Thrifty Oil Co. Station No. 426, Thrifty Oil Co., 444 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0602500033	Thomas Browne, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 24, 2024	Site Cleanup Program Oversight Cost Reimbursement Account for MV-22 Aircraft Mishap Post-Crash Response	MV-22 Aircraft Mishap Post- Crash Response Site, Highway 78, Glamis, California, 92250 GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000019894	Monica Aragon Guzman, Engineering Geologist
July 25, 2024	Nonconcurrence With Waste Management Plan, Installation Restoration Site 14, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, California, GeoTracker Global ID No: T10000004231	Jeff Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist
July 29, 2024	Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of Workplan	McDonald's Restaurant, Site ID No. 40796 (Former Service Station), 105 West Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County; T10000012309	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
July 30, 2024	Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of a Technical Report	El Centro SoCo Bulk Plant (SC Fuels), 350 East Main Street, El Centro, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000012311	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
July 31, 2024	I '	Coachella Valley - Salt Nutrient Management Agencies	Jeff Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist
July 31, 2024	Review of the Technical Memorandum, Task 4 – Develop Technical Approach for Forecasting TDS/N Concentrations in Groundwater of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin	Coachella Valley - Salt Nutrient Management Agencies	Jeff Fitzsimmons, Engineering Geologist
July 31, 2024		Imperial Irrigation District Headquarters, 333 East Barioni Boulevard, Imperial, California, Global ID No. SL0602597886	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist

4. NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROGRAM

New River Improvement Project

On July 31, 2024, the City of Calexico submitted a Notice of Termination requesting that the New River Improvement Project be disenrolled from under the Regional Board's General Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (Order No. R7-2015-0006). The enrollment permitted the discharge of dewatering wastewater resulting from the installation of the New River Improvement Project's trash screen and diversion structure, the pump-back system's pump station, and the 72-inch bypass pipe. The City reported that the last discharge occurred on July 3, 2024. The City is continuing to work on other aspects of the New River Improvement Project and expects to complete the Phase 1 elements by December 2024 or early 2025. [Logan Raub, SES]

401 Water Quality Certifications (Dredge or Fill Discharge)

The following table shows the certifications that the Colorado River Basin Water Board issued in June and July 2024. [Alyssa Duro, ES; Fatima Alrahem, WRCE; Logan Raub, SES; Kai Dunn, Supervising WRCE]

Issuance Date	Applicant	Project	WDID#
6/04/2024	SFPP L.P.	LS-111 Whitewater River Washout Repair Project	7A333284001
6/04/2024	Southern California Gas Company	Line 2051 Validation / SCCDA Digs – Anomaly Repair / Replacement Project	7A333282001
6/04/2024	Southern California Edison	TD2040869 Meridian Avenue Deteriorated Pole Project	7B363052001
6/14/2024	Interconnect Towers, LLC	Ash Hill Communication Site Project	7B362038001
6/27/2024	Department of Water Resources	Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (2024 Amendment)	7A133126001
7/22/2024	NextEra Energy Resources	Desert Peak Energy Center II Project	7A333286001
7/31/2024	Caltrans	Drainage Improvements on State Route 98 Project	7A133182001

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	Niland SD	Bacteria indicator, BOD, Chlorine Residual	\$45,000	7/29/2022	8/29/22		*Discharger agreed to settlement discussion		15
2	Seeley CWD	Bacteria indicator, Free Cyanide & Selenium	\$150,000	12/8/2023	12/27/23		*Discharger agreed to settlement discussion		50
3	Calexico WPCP	Bacteria indicator, BOD	\$78,000	2/21/2024	3/21/2024		*Discharger agreed to settlement discussion		26
5	Brawley WWTP	Bacteria indicator, Total Copper, Total Ammonia	\$12,000	3/26/2024	4/10/2024	4/16/2024	-	6/13/2024	4
6	IID El Centro Generating Station	Free Cyanide, Total Suspended Solids, Total Selenium	\$21,000	6/6/2024	7/8/2024	7/8/2024	8/8/2024		7
	TOTAL:		\$306,000						102

Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (July 2024)

No. of Facilities	No. of Violations		
3	13		

[Maribel Schiavone, SEA; Logan Raub, SES; Kai Dunn, Supervising WRCE]

5. ENFORCEMENT

- July 11, 2024. Tentative Cease and Desist Orders (CDO), Turtle Rock 29 HOA, Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County, WDID: 7A362031001 [Wendy Wyels]
- July 16, 2024. Withdrawal of Tentative Cease and Desist Order for Yasir Wancho, 56341 29-Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, APN: 058708102, San Bernardino County [Michael Perez]