

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
KINDER MORGAN GROUNDWATER TREATMENT DISCHARGE
SPRINKLER SYSTEM
City Of Imperial – Imperial County**

The public is invited to review and comment on an Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration, prepared by the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.), for a project consisting of a proposed Groundwater Treatment Discharge Sprinkler System (the proposed Project). The proposed Project is located in the City of Imperial, Imperial County, California.

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners (KMEP) is proposing minor changes to the discharge of treated groundwater from the already constructed Groundwater Treatment and Product Recovery System (GWTS). Specifically, KMEP is proposing to discharge the treated groundwater to a vacant property owned by KMEP and located adjacent to KMEP's Kinder Morgan Liquid Fuels Terminal facility via a low profile sprinkler system. The discharge would be regulated pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) adopted by the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board). The proposed Project is limited to the discharge sprinkler system, which will be installed and operated entirely on the proposed Project area. The proposed Project is located in an urbanized area of the City of Imperial.

The Regional Water Board is acting as the Lead Agency under CEQA. Accordingly, Regional Water Board staff prepared an Initial Study in accordance with CEQA requirements to determine whether the proposed Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The draft Initial Study summarizes the proposed Groundwater Treatment Discharge Sprinkler System and identifies potentially significant impacts related to construction and operation of the system. Based on the Initial Study, Regional Water Board staff concluded that the proposed Project could not have a significant effect on the environment and thus, the proposed Negative Declaration has been prepared.

The Regional Water Board will consider adopting the proposed Negative Declaration during a Public Hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated below:

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City Council Chambers
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

The 30-day public comment period to submit written comments on the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration begins on May 18, 2011, and ends on June 17, 2011. Comments must be sent to the attention of Jennie Snyder at the Regional Water Board. Separate public notice has been provided regarding the draft Waste Discharge Requirements that will regulate the discharge from the proposed Project. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration will be available for public review at the Imperial Public Library:

Imperial Public Library
200 W. 9th Street
Imperial, CA 92251

The Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration will also be available on line at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/index.shtml

Please Contact Jennie Snyder at (760) 776-8936, or by e-mail at JSnyder@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions on this matter.

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Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the public hearing. Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Regional Water Board staff. In order to have adequate time for the presentation by Regional Water Board staff, however, comments from the public will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let Regional Water Board staff know before speaking so that the presentation can be appropriately scheduled at the hearing. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive. To ensure accuracy of the record, the Regional Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Regional Water Board staff before or during the hearing.

To conserve paper, and reduce mailing costs, a hard (paper) copy of the tentative WDRs was only provided to the Discharger. Interested persons can access the WDRs from the Regional Water Board website at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/>

Click on the "Board Decisions" tab, then "Tentative Orders," then select "Year 2011," and then select the above Order number.

Anyone without access to the Internet should contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 for a hard copy of the tentative order.

If you are disabled and require special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

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