

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

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
KENT SEATECH CORPORATION FISH FARM
RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is considering adoption of proposed Board Order R7-2016-0035, Waste Discharge Requirements for Kent Seatech, LLC, Kent Seatech Corporation Fish Farm (Proposed Order). The public hearing to consider adoption of the Proposed Order will be on:

Date: November 17, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Colorado River Basin Region Water Board
Board Meeting Room
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BACKGROUND

The Proposed Order is a new discharge authorization. The Kent Seatech, LLC (Discharger) owns and operates a fish farm in Mecca, Riverside County. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit discharge authorization of up to 10.5 MGD of aquaculture wastewater from their facility. The current wastewater treatment system consists of a channel stocked with tilapia to remove solids, and an earthen "constructed wetland" system that provides further nitrification, denitrification, fine solids polishing, alkalinity restoration, and temperature buffering. Water that is not recirculated or land applied is discharged to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, the water of U.S.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Proposed Order and related documents are available to view or download on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml. You may also request a paper copy by contacting Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 or hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov. The application for issuance of the discharge permit, the Proposed Order, written comments received, and related documents may also be inspected and copied at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments on the Proposed Order during a thirty (30) day public comment period which begins October 8, 2016 and ends November 7, 2016. Written comments on the Proposed Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016**. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record. Comments should be mailed to the attention of Jeong-Hee Lim at the address shown below or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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The Colorado River Basin Water Board will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received. Late comments will not be accepted if doing so would prejudice any party in accordance with section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

HEARING PROCEDURE

Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the public hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. In addition, to ensure accuracy of the record, the Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Board staff before or during the hearing.

Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. In order to have adequate time for the presentations by Board staff, comments from the public will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let 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.

More information about the Colorado River Basin Water Board's Meeting Procedures is available at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact Jeong-Hee Lim, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 776-8940 for any questions regarding this matter.

ACCESSIBILITY

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.

File: W DID No. 7A33 5003 001, Kent SeaTech, Board Order R7-2016-0035

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