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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION TO ESTABLISH A CONDITIONAL PROHIBITION FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES ORIGINATING WITHIN THE PALO VERDE VALLEY AND THE PALO VERDE MESA, AND TO INCORPORATE AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board's (Colorado River Basin Water Board's) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region that would establish a Conditional Prohibition for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges Originating within the Palo Verde Valley and the Palo Verde Mesa, and to Incorporate an Implementation Plan (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board on January 20, 2011, and is available for review as follows:

Resolution:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2011/res0014bp.pdf.

Amendment:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2011/res0014bp_atta.pdf.

Additional documents for this Basin Plan amendment can be viewed by going to the following Colorado River Basin Water Board webpage link and scrolling down to the second item listed under "Current Basin Planning Activities":

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning/.

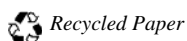
The Basin Plan amendment can also be received via mail by contacting Theresa Kimsey at (760) 776-8971.

The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Persons interested in receiving notice of the State Water Board's agendas and meetings should subscribe to the State Water Board's electronic mailing list (under the general topic "Board Meetings") at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on September 1, 2011**. The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments submitted after that deadline.

California Environmental Protection Agency



Send comments to: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in size or less), fax at (916) 341-5620, or mail or hand delivery at:

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State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail)
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Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter - Palo Verde Agricultural Waste Discharge Prohibition**".

Requirements for Submitting Comments (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 3779): The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy the following requirements:

- a. Comments must specifically address the version of the Basin Plan amendment that was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board.
- b. If the Colorado River Basin Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Colorado River Basin Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect. If the comment does not include such an explanation, the State Water Board will presume that the Colorado River Basin Water Board's response adequately addressed the commenter's concern.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Theresa Kimsey, Environmental Scientist, Colorado River Basin Water Board, at (760) 776-8971 or (tkimsey@waterboards.ca.gov), or Tom Vandenberg, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5195 or (tvandenberg@waterboards.ca.gov).

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