

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

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2012 303(d) List

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST
OF IMPAIRED WATER BODIES IN THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

The State of California is required by federal Clean Water Act section 303(d) and Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) section 130.7 to develop and submit biennially to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for approval a list of polluted waters or water quality limited (or impaired) segments (distinct portions of rivers, streams, lakes, ocean waters, etc.). This list is commonly referred to as the "303(d) List" or the "List of Impaired Waters." The 303(d) List includes water bodies that are not meeting, or are not expected to meet all WQSs with the implementation of technology-based controls and best management practices (BMPs). The 303(d) List must include water quality limited segments (those segments of the water body not meeting WQSs even after the application of technology-based effluent limitations), associated pollutants, and a priority ranking of the waters for the purpose of developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). A TMDL is the maximum load of a pollutant that may be discharged from point and nonpoint sources into the water body without violating WQSs applicable to that water body.

This notice solicits public comments on proposed revisions to the 303(d) List. The list of impaired waters is specific to waters within the jurisdiction of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board). The 303(d) List is reviewed by the Colorado River Basin Water Board every two years in accordance with state and federal laws. The proposed revisions to the 303(d) List would update the 2010 303(d) List.

If the Colorado River Basin Water Board approves the proposed 303(d) List pursuant to proposed Resolution R7-2014-0025, it is then submitted to the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for their respective reviews and approvals.

The proposed revisions, supporting documentation, and proposed Resolution R7-2014-0025 may be reviewed and copied at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office during normal business hours, and may also be reviewed at the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website. The website link is:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/tmdl/rb7_303d_list.shtml

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

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will hold a public hearing on the 303(d) List during its next regularly scheduled Board meeting, which is as follows:

Date: March 20, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Brawley City Council Chambers
City of Brawley
383 West Main Street
Brawley, CA 92227

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments on this matter during a forty-five (45) day public comment period, which begins January 27, 2014, and ends March 12, 2014. Written comments must be received by the Colorado River Basin Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., March 12, 2014, to receive full consideration. Written comments may also be faxed to the number given below or mailed to following address to the attention of Dr. Lim.

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Please include the term "303(d) List Revisions" in the heading of your comments to ensure proper routing.

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 Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. In order to have adequate time for the presentations by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff, however, comments from the public will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let Colorado River Basin 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 Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff before or during the hearing.

In response to written comments and oral testimony received during the March 2014 public hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will consider for approval each proposed listing change, if any, and will consider adoption of the proposed Resolution in support of its recommendations to the State Water Board for inclusion in the statewide 2012 303(d) List.

For those who 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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