

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

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Public Notice No. 7-19-49  
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**REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
SHORT-TERM RENEWAL OF ORDER R7-2015-0008  
CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES AND DISCHARGES OF  
WASTES FROM DRAIN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES  
WITHIN THE IMPERIAL VALLEY  
TENTATIVE ORDER R7-2019-XXXX**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared tentative Order R7-2019-XXXX, *Short-Term Renewal of Order R7-2015-0008, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Wastes from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Within the Imperial Valley* (Tentative Order).

Agricultural waste discharges in the Imperial Valley are currently regulated by Order R7-2015-0008, *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Wastes from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Within the Imperial Valley* (2015 Conditional Waiver). Colorado River Basin Water Board staff is developing general waste discharge requirements to replace the 2015 Conditional Waiver, but is not likely to be finished before the 2015 Conditional Waiver expires on January 15, 2020.

The Tentative Order renews the 2015 Conditional Waiver for a period of 12 months until January 15, 2021, but does not modify any other terms of the waiver.

**PUBLIC HEARING (REVISED)**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the Tentative Order during a public hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

**Date:** November 14, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. (revised)  
**Location:** 1275 West Main Street (revised)  
El Centro, CA 92243

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that those persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing to ensure accuracy of the record.

At the hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will follow the Meeting Procedures found on its website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Meeting Procedures](#).

### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Copies of the Tentative Order and the 2015 Conditional Waiver are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Tentative Orders](#).

Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the Tentative Order or the 2015 Conditional Waiver should contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS (REVISED)

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Tentative Order during a thirty-day public comment period, which begins **September 24, 2019** and ends **October 31, 2019 (revised)**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **October 31, 2019 (revised)**.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board has implemented an electronic records management system to reduce paper consumption and improve overall accessibility to records and documents. To submit comments electronically, please convert the signed original documents to Portable Document Format (PDF) and submit via email to Nadim Shukry-Zeywar at [Nadim.Shukry-Zeywar@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nadim.Shukry-Zeywar@waterboards.ca.gov). Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or portable USB drive and mailed to:

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Board Colorado River Basin Region  
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Mailed written comments may be sent to the address above. Written comments may also be faxed to the Colorado River Basin Water Board office at (760) 341-6820.

### SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 or voice line at 1 (800) 735-2922. If you need interpreter services, please contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or via email [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 10 working days prior to the meeting.

### STAFF CONTACT

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Jennie Snyder ([Jennie.Snyder@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jennie.Snyder@waterboards.ca.gov); phone: 760-776-8936) or Nadim Shukry-Zeywar ([Nadim.Shukry-Zeywar@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nadim.Shukry-Zeywar@waterboards.ca.gov); phone: 760-776-8942).

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.