



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Colorado River Basin Region



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REGIONAL BOARD MEETING **AND STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
The Strategic Planning Workshop will not start before 10:00 a.m.

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Colorado River Basin Region Board Room
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The primary duty of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board or Board) is to protect the quality of the waters within the region for all beneficial uses. This duty is implemented by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water basins and by prescribing and enforcing requirements on all domestic and industrial waste discharges. Specific responsibilities and procedures of the Colorado River Basin Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board are specified in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (commencing with Section 13000 of the California Water Code) and implementing regulations in Titles 23 and 27 of the California Code of Regulations.

The purpose of the Board public meeting is for the Board to obtain testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the information received. Persons who want to submit written comments or evidence on any agenda item must comply with the Board's **Meeting Procedures**. These procedures can be viewed at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf. Persons wishing to speak at the meeting should complete a speaker request card and provide it to staff. You may also wish to sign in on the attendance sheet that will be provided. Although signing in is voluntary, we appreciate knowing who attended to help us evaluate the level of public interest.

The Board and staff welcome information on pertinent problems, but comments at the meeting should be brief and directed to specifics. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only a summary of pertinent points presented verbally.

During the public forum part of the meeting, any member of the public may address the Board and ask questions relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda, and the presentation should normally be limited to three (3) minutes. If the matter should appropriately be included within an item that is listed on the agenda, the presentation to the Board should be made at the time that the particular item is taken up by the Board.

It is the policy of the State and Regional Water Boards to discourage the introduction of surprise testimony and exhibits. Therefore, pursuant to Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (hereafter Title 23), Section 648.4, the Board may refuse to admit into evidence written testimony pertaining to agenda items if it is not submitted to the Board in a timely manner, and shall refuse to do so where there is a showing of prejudice to any party or the Board. This rule may be modified where a party demonstrates that compliance would create severe hardship.

All items appearing under the "Uncontested Items" calendar will be acted upon by the Board in one motion **without discussion**. Should any Board Member or other person request that any item be considered separately, that item will be taken up at a time as determined by the Board Chair.

Details concerning these agenda items are available for public reference during normal working hours at the Board's office. The staff will assist in answering questions. Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the order indicated.

The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Persons applying for, or actively opposing, waste discharge requirements or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits being considered by the Board must comply with legal requirements if they or their agents have contributed, or propose to contribute, more than \$250 to a Board member for an election campaign. Contact the Board office for details if you believe that you fall into this category.

Any person adversely affected by a decision of the Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to review the decision. The petition must be received by the State Water Resources Control Board within thirty (30) days of the Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the laws regarding the filing of petitions will be provided upon request to the Board, or may be obtained on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/index.shtml.

Board agendas and copies of the items to be considered by the Board may be downloaded from the Board's Website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/index.shtml.

Board-approved minutes are posted at the Board's Website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/board_minutes/

A listing of pending applications for Water Quality Certifications, pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, may be obtained from the Board's Website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/401_certification/ or by calling Jay Mirpour at (760) 776-8981.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

1. [Minutes of November 17, 2011 Meeting](#)

PUBLIC FORUM

2. Any person may address the Colorado River Basin Water Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this Meeting agenda. **Comments will generally be limited to three (3) minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Board Chair.** Members of the public may also address the Board from noticed telephonic location(s), if any.

UNCONTESTED NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

3. [R7-2012-0001](#) Waste Discharge Requirements for **Palm Springs Unified School District**, Owner/Operator Rancho Mirage High School Cooling Towers, City of Rancho Mirage – Riverside County
4. [R7-2012-0003](#) Waste Discharge Requirements for **Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.**, Owner/Operator Store 1915-04 Wastewater Treatment Plant, Town of Yucca Valley – San Bernardino County
5. [R7-2012-0004](#) Waste Discharge Requirements for **Imperial Valley Cheese of California**, (Owner/Operator) Cheese Plant and Irrigation Fields, El Centro – Imperial County
6. [R7-2012-0005](#) Waste Discharge Requirements for **Hudson Ranch Power II, LLC**, Owner Engh Farms Geothermal Exploration Project Wellfield Mud Sumps/Containment Basins, Southwest of Niland – Imperial County
[Monitoring Reports](#)
7. [R7-2012-0006](#) Waste Discharge Requirements for **Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District**, Land Owner Joshua Basin Water District, Owner/Operator Hi-Desert Medical Center Wastewater Treatment Facility, City of Joshua Tree – San Bernardino County

RESOLUTION

8. [R7-2012-0007](#) Resolution No. R7-2012-0007, **Expressing Appreciation to Maurice “Red” Martinez.**

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

9. The election of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair, 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Informational Update on Palo Verde Agricultural Wastewater Discharges Prohibition Basin Plan Amendment - RP
11. Informational Update on Conventional and Advanced Wastewater Treatment - JC
12. Informational Update on State Water Resources Control Board Activities - TV
13. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report - RP
14. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments
15. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report - EW

CLOSED SESSION

16. At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to meet in closed session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public employee [Authority: Government Code, Section 11126(a)(1)]; to consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)]; to discuss significant exposure to litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i)]; to discuss whether to initiate litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(i)]; or to discuss initiated litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)]. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)].

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012, 9:00 A.M., in PALM DESERT

ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

REGIONAL BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

(Note: Workshop will not begin before 10:00 a.m.)

AGENDA

1. Opening of Workshop by Board Chair:
Vision Statement: “Water Resources, Improved and Protected”
2. Informational Update on the New River — JA
3. Strategic Planning Goal for Board Discussion: Eliminate the public health threat of the New River in the Calxico area by 2017.
4. Adjournment of Workshop by Board Chair.