

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

In the Matter of  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Update on 2017 Triennial Review and Enforcement Priorities

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) will hold a Public Workshop on:

Date: Monday, October 9, 2017  
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region Board Room  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
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**BOARD WORKSHOP**

The purpose of the workshop is for the Colorado River Basin Water Board to get an update and provide direction to its staff, as needed, on two items: 2017 Triennial Review list and Enforcement Priorities. Members of the public will also have an opportunity to provide comments on these items. There may be a quorum of the Colorado River Basin Water Board members; however, no action will be taken at the workshop.

**Item 1. 2017 Triennial Review**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board is reviewing the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) pursuant to Section 13240 of the California Water Code, and Section 303(c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act. The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for ground and surface waters in the Colorado River Basin Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect beneficial uses. The Basin Plan is reviewed for adequacy approximately every three years, hence the term “Triennial Review”. The objective of the Review is to reaffirm water quality standards and parts of the Basin Plan that effectively protect water quality, and to identify potential water quality problems that may require Basin Plan amendments to address.

Colorado River Basin Water Board staff notified the public of the Board’s intent to conduct a Triennial Review in a Public Notice dated April 6, 2017 and conducted a Board Workshop on the matter on April 17, 2017. A preliminary list of water quality issues that may result in Basin Plan amendments was provided for review and comment by the Board

and the public. Based on comments provided at the workshop, and on further input from internal stakeholders, staff will present an updated tentative Triennial Review list during this workshop. The final 2017 Triennial review list will be presented at November Board meeting for consideration of adoption.

## **Item 2. Enforcement Priorities**

Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter-Cologne) grants the Colorado River Basin Water Board and Other Regional Board the authority to implement and enforce the water quality laws, regulations, policies, and plans to protect the groundwater and surface waters of the State. Timely and consistent enforcement of these laws is critical to the success of the water quality program and to ensure that the people of the State have clean water resource. The Water Quality Enforcement Policy (“ Policy”, CalEPA, 2017), which is recently updated, provides guidance on enforcement actions. The Policy recommends that, on an annual basis, enforcement staff for each Regional Water Board seek input at a regularly noticed public meeting of the Regional Water Board and consider identifying general enforcement priorities based on input from members of the public and Regional Water Board members.

Staff from the Colorado River Basin Water Board and Office of Enforcement will present informational update on the new enforcement policy and enforcement actions, and provides proposed regional enforcement priorities. This workshop is designed to facilitate discussion among Colorado River Basin Water Board members for establishing general enforcement priorities for the Region. Public input on this is also strongly encouraged and welcomed. Information on new enforcement policy, current and past enforcement activities in the Colorado River Basin Region can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/enforcement/)

## **Additional Information**

For questions concerning the workshop, for the issues regarding 2017 Triennial Review, please contact Jeff Geraci at (760) 776-8935, or by email at [jgeraci@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jgeraci@waterboards.ca.gov); for the issues regarding enforcement priorities, please contact Jeong-Hee Lim at (760) 776-8940 or by email at [jeong-hee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jeong-hee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov). The meeting 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.