
Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGIONAL BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

**Hi-Desert Water District
55439 Twentynine Palms Highway,
Yucca Valley, CA**

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.

The Board also encourages feedback outside of this public meeting regarding things you feel the Board is doing well in or could improve on with respect to its primary mission—to protect the water quality of the Region. If you would like to provide feedback, please go to the Cal-EPA Customer Service Survey, which can be accessed at the following website link: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Customer/>.

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 should be directed to Mary Castañeda at: (760) 776-8945 or Mary.Castañeda@waterboards.ca.gov during normal working hours at the Board's office. Ms. Castañeda is available to answer general questions and to direct your call to the staff person assigned to this matter to answer your specific questions. Please note that 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 Kai Dunn at (760) 776-8986.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [Minutes of June 30, 2017 Board Meeting](#)
Minutes of July 25, 2017 Policy Priorities Workshop

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 ITEMS

3. [R7-2017-0025](#) Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Hudson Ranch I LLC Additional Geothermal Wells Project Wellfield Mud Sumps/ Containment Basins, Southwest of Niland – Imperial County
[Doug Wylie]
4. [R7-2017-0013](#) Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Palm Springs, Owner, Veolia West Water Operating Services, Inc. Operator, Palm Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant, Palm Springs - Riverside County
[Jose Cortez] [Comments on Revised Order](#) / [Response Letters](#) / [Comments \(Old\)](#)
5. [R7-2017-0017](#) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Westmorland, Westmorland Wastewater Treatment Plant, Westmorland – Imperial County
[Jeong-Hee Lim]

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Informational Update: Schedule of Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2018
7. Informational Update: State Water Resources Control Board Activities

[Adriana Nuñez]

8. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report
[Jose L. Angel, P.E.]
9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments
10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report
11. Informational Update: Yucca Valley Septic Tank Discharge Prohibition and Status of Sewer Project in Yucca Valley
[Hi-Desert Water District]

FIELD TOUR: As part of this Item, Hi-Desert Water District will provide a field tour of its sewer project for Phase 1 of the Colorado River Basin Water Board's Septic Tank Discharge Prohibition for Yucca Valley. The Tour will start at approximately 3:00 pm and last approximately 1 ½ hours. Tour participants will assemble at the Hi-Desert Water District office for a tour overview prior to departing to the Tour. The Tour will then proceed outdoors with a driving and walking tour of key project areas in Phase 1, including areas where the District is installing sewer collectors. For safety reasons, the tour is limited to 30 people. Anyone interested in participating in the tour should RSVP and contact Ms. Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 by **September 14, 2017**.

Where to Meet: Hi-Desert Water District 55439 Twentynine Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley, CA 92284

What to Wear: Wear comfortable boots or shoes suitable for walking. Participants are responsible for providing their own drinking water, sunscreen, sun hat, and other outdoor gear as appropriate. Typical temperatures during this month are expected to be 85-90°F, but weather conditions can vary.

Transportation: Transportation for the Tour will be provided to the Board members by Board staff. Other tour participants are expected to make their own transportation arrangements to get to the site.

CLOSED SESSION

12. The Board may meet in closed session to:
 - a. Consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public employee by another person unless the employee requests a public hearing [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)].
 - b. Deliberate on a Decision to be Reached Based on Evidence Introduced in a Hearing- the Colorado River Basin Water Board may meet in closed session to consider 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)].
 - c. Consider the Initiation of Litigation or Discussion of Significant Exposure to Litigation- the Colorado River Basin Water Board may meet in closed session to discuss significant exposure to litigation; to discuss whether to initiate litigation; or to discuss initiated litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)].

ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 9, 2017, 9:00 a.m. in Palm Desert, CA.