

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

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Public Notice No. 7-06-14

**Public Notice of
Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration
For
Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements**

**Public Comment Period:
August 2, 2006 to August 31, 2006**

The public is invited to review and comment on an Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration, prepared by the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.), for a project consisting of the renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) regulating the injection of treated water from existing groundwater treatment facilities and injection system. The pump and treat system currently in operation is used to treat groundwater contaminated with hexavalent chromium (Chromium VI). The groundwater treatment facilities and injection system are owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), and are located approximately 15 miles southeast of Needles, California, near the PG&E Topock Compressor Station. Renewal of the WDRs by the Regional Water Board would allow for the continued injection of treated water during operation of the groundwater treatment facilities, which is necessary to prevent additional water quality impacts on State waters. No additional facilities would be constructed or expanded and no change to the existing groundwater treatment facility operations would occur as a result of renewal of the WDRs.

The proposed Negative Declaration is supported by the Initial Study, which evaluates whether this project may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed Negative Declaration reflects the determination by the Regional Water Board that renewal of the WDRs will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Regional Water Board will consider adopting the proposed Negative Declaration during a **Public Hearing** that will commence at the time and place indicated below:

Date: **September 20, 2006**
Time: **10:00 a.m.**
Location: **City of La Quinta, City Council Chambers
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253**

The public hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. 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 800-735-2929.

Written comments on the proposed Negative Declaration must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2006, for delivery to:

Liann Chavez, Senior Engineering Geologist
Colorado River Basin
Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Palm Desert, CA 92260

WHERE YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION:

The proposed Negative Declaration and other project documents are available on the Regional Water Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/> and at the following locations:

Needles Public Library
1111 Bailey Avenue
Needles, CA 92363

Lake Havasu City Library
1770 McCulloch Boulevard
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Colorado River Indian Tribes Library
2nd Avenue and Mohave Road
Parker, AZ 85344

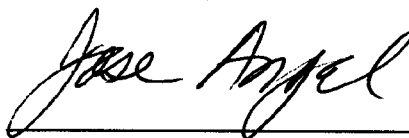
Parker Library
1001 Navajo Avenue
Parker, AZ 85344

Golden Shores/Topock Library
13136 Golden Shores Parkway
Topock, AZ 86436

Chemehuevi Indian Reservation
Chemehuevi Trail
Havasupai Lake, AZ 86426

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Liann Chavez, Senior Engineering Geologist, (760) 776-8945, or Jose Cortez, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 776-8963



JOSE L. ANGEL, Assistant Executive Officer
July 27, 2006