

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

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**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AND
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

The following discharger has requested amendment of a Board Order under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program:

CITY OF EL CENTRO
CITY OF EL CENTRO WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
EL CENTRO – IMPERIAL COUNTY

The staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board), has prepared a Tentative Board Order, No. R7-2007-0069, for the above discharger containing effluent and receiving water limitations and special provisions in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Water Code. The discharger conducted a Bioassessment of the receiving water for designation as a Freshwater habitat and submitted it the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for approval. The USEPA has issued a tentative approval, which is publicly noticed pursuant to this Notice.. Tentative Board Order No. R7-2007-0069 amends Board Order No. R7-2004-0004 (NPDES No. CA0104426). The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the Tentative Board Order during its regular Board meeting as follows:

Date: September 19, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City Council Chambers
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

The Regional Water Board and USEPA will be receiving and reviewing written comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins **August 6, 2007**, and ends **September 5, 2007**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Board Order are requested to do so by September 5, 2007. Comments may be mailed to the address shown below or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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Comments made in reference to USEPA's approval letter and the Biological Assessment should be directed to:

Mathew Mitchell
USEPA
75 Hawthorne Street (WTR-5)
San Francisco, CA 94105

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the Public Hearing. The Regional Water Board will hear oral comment, but 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 assure accuracy of the record.

The discharger's request for amendment, the Tentative Board Order, written comments received, USEPA's tentative approval, the Biological Assessment, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board office. Contact Jose Cortez, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 776-8963 for any questions regarding this matter. In addition, copies of the Tentative Board Order, USEPA's tentative approval, and the Biological Assessment are available on the Regional Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_orders.html.

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

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Public Hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled Public Hearing.