

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

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2008 303(d) List

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE 303(d) LIST
OF IMPAIRED WATER BODIES IN THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

This notice solicits public comments on proposed revisions to the list of impaired (or polluted) waters under Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) (303(d) List). The list of impaired waters is specific to waters within the jurisdiction of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board). The 303(d) List is reviewed by the Regional Water Board every two years in accordance with state and federal laws.

The CWA requires that States develop these lists of impaired waters for which the effluent limitations prescribed for point source discharges into the water bodies, utilizing required wastewater treatment controls, are not stringent enough to implement water quality standards (WQSs) applicable to such waters. The 303(d) List must include water quality limited segments (those segments of the water body not meeting WQSs even after the application of technology-based effluent limitations), associated pollutants, and a priority ranking of the waters for the purpose of developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). A TMDL is the maximum load of a pollutant that may be discharged from point and nonpoint sources into the water body without violating WQSs applicable to that water body. If the Regional Water Board adopts the proposed 303(d) List, it is then submitted to the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for their respective reviews and approvals. USEPA approval is required because it has oversight of California's implementation of Section 303(d) of the CWA program.

The proposed revisions and supporting documentation may be reviewed and copied at the Regional Water Board office during normal business hours, and may also be reviewed at the Regional Water Board's website. The website link is:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/tmdl/rb7_303d_list.shtml

Please contact Mr. Logan Raub, Environmental Scientist, at (760) 776-8966, for any questions regarding this matter.

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the 303(d) List during its next regularly scheduled Board meeting, which is as follows:

Date: January 22, 2009
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: City Hall
City of El Centro
1275 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments on this matter during a forty-five (45) day public comment period, which begins November 26, 2008, and ends January 9, 2009. Written comments must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., January 9, 2009, to receive full consideration. Written comments may be mailed or Faxed to the attention of Mr. Raub. His contact information is as follows:

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Colorado River Basin Region
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Please include the term "303(d) List Revisions" in the heading of your comments to ensure proper routing.

Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the public hearing. Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Regional Water Board staff. In order to have adequate time for the presentations by Regional Water Board staff, however, comments from the public will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let Regional Water Board staff know before speaking so that the presentation can be appropriately scheduled at the hearing. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive. To ensure accuracy of the record, the Regional Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Regional Water Board staff before or during the hearing.

In response to written comments and oral testimony received during the January 2009 public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider for approval each proposed listing change, if any, and will consider adoption of a Resolution in support of its recommendations to the State Water Board for inclusion in the statewide 2008 303(d) List.

For those who are disabled and require 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.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.