

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

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NPDES No. CA0104281

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

The following Discharger has filed an application for re-issuance of a discharge permit under Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program (33 U.S.C. § 1342), Board Order R7-2009-0011:

**MCCABE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER 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 Tentative Board Order No. R7-2009-0011 for the above Discharger containing effluent and receiving water limitations and special provisions in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and Division 7 of the California Water Code, commencing with Section 13000. The Discharger conducted a Biological Assessment of the receiving water for designation as a freshwater habitat and submitted it the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for approval. The USEPA is proposing to issue a tentative approval on January 5, 2009, which is publicly noticed pursuant to this Notice. Tentative Board Order R7-2009-0011 amends the Discharger's existing Board Order R7-2007-0035 (NPDES No. CA0104281).

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the Tentative Board Order during its regular Board meeting, which is scheduled as follows:

Date: March 19, 2009  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Palm Desert Council Chambers  
City of Palm Desert  
73-510 Fred Waring Drive  
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The Regional Water Board and USEPA will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins January 14, 2009 and ends February 16, 2009. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Board Order are requested to do so by February 16, 2009, so that they may be given sufficient consideration. Comments should be mailed to the attention of John Carmona at 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:

Matthew Mitchell  
USEPA  
75 Hawthorne Street (WTR-5)  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 972-3508

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.

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 John Carmona, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 340-4521 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_orders.html).

Interested parties are advised that the full text of the current NPDES permit Board Order No. R7-2007-0035, and the tentative Board Order No. R7-2009-0011, are available on the Regional Water Board's web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/). Under the heading of "Board Orders", select years 2007 and 2009, then Orders R7-2007-0035 and R7-2009-0011, respectively. If you need a hard copy of these orders mailed to you, please contact Hilda Vasquez by phone at (760) 346-7491 or via e-mail at [hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov).

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.

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

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