

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

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NPDES No. CA0104248

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION 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 R7-2009-0020:

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
EL CENTRO GENERATING STATION  
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 R7-2009-0020 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 to 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 R7-2009-0020 updates and replaces the Discharger's existing Board Order R7-2004-0086 (NPDES No. CA0104248).

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: June 18, 2009  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Hi-Desert Water District  
55-439 29 Palms Highway  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

The Regional Water Board and USEPA will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins April 13, 2009 and ends May 13, 2009. Written comments on the Tentative Board Order must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., May 13, 2009. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative

record. If written comments to the Regional Water Board are not timely submitted, however, the Regional Water Board Chair may refuse to accept such evidence or admit it into the administrative record unless the commenter can demonstrate why he or she was unable to timely submit the evidence, that compliance with the deadline would create an unreasonable hardship, or that allowing the evidence would not prejudice any party or the Regional Water Board. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4.) Written materials or other documents submitted at the Regional Water Board hearing must be provided first to Board counsel, who will advise the Board regarding acceptance of these documents into the record.

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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Colorado River Basin Region  
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Comments made in reference to USEPA's approval letter 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, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. In addition, 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.

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.

More information about the Regional Water Board's Meeting Procedures is available at the Regional Water Board Office. If you would like a copy of these Meeting Procedures mailed to you, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 to request a copy.

The application for reissuance of the discharge permit, the existing Board Order, 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, and USEPA's tentative approval 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 persons are advised that the full text of the current NPDES permit Board Order R7-2004-0086 and the tentative Board Order R7-2009-0020 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 2004 and 2009, then Orders R7-2004-0086 and R7-2009-0020, 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).

If you 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.