

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

73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
(760) 346-7491

Public Notice No. 7-09-17  
April 15, 2009

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Regional Board will consider proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for ORNI 21 LLC, Board Order R7-2009-0053, regarding the Wister Geothermal Exploration Project, located approximately 1 mile north of Niland, Imperial County.

The above Waste Discharge Requirements regulate wellfield mud sumps/containment basins associated with proposed Wister Geothermal Exploration Project. The project proposes to drill geothermal exploration wells in the vicinity of the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area (KGRA).

The Regional Board will consider adopting the Proposed Board Order, R7-2009-0053, during a Public Hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated below:

Date: May 21, 2009  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: City of La Quinta, City Council Chambers  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

The Regional Board will be receiving and reviewing written comments during the public comment period, which begins April 20, 2008, and ends May 20, 2009. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Proposed Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but not later than May 16, 2008. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the Public Hearing.

The Proposed Board Order and related documents, including the proposed *Report of Waste Discharge*, may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board office. Contact Cliff Raley, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 776-8962, for any questions regarding this matter. In addition, copies of these materials are available on the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/>. Under the Year 2009, select Public Notice No. 7-09-17 and click on the hyperlink for the *Wister Geothermal Exploration Project*.

Uncontested or consent agenda items are items for which there appears to be no controversy and that can be acted upon by the Board without discussion. Such items have been properly noticed and all interested parties consent to the staff recommendation. The Board Chair will recognize late revisions submitted by staff and will then call for a motion and vote by the Board members. If any Board member or member of the public raises a question or issue regarding the item that requires Board discussion, the item may be removed from the consent calendar and considered in its

numerical order on the agenda, or in an order determined by the Board Chair. Anyone wishing to contest a consent item on the agenda is expected to appear in person at the Board meeting and explain to the Board the reason the item is being contested.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact 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.

Any questions or comments regarding these procedures may be directed to:

Hilda Vásquez  
Administrative Division  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region - 7  
Phone: 760.776.8950 Fax: 760.341.6830  
Email: [hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov)