

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

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NPDES No. CA7000004

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

The following Discharger has filed an application for reissuance 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 R7-2010-0023:

**IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
GRASS CARP HATCHERY  
EL CENTRO – IMPERIAL COUNTY**

In response to the application, staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board), has prepared tentative Board Order R7-2010-0023 (Tentative Order) for the above discharger. The Tentative Order contains 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. The Tentative Order updates and replaces existing Board Order R7-2005-0016 (NPDES No. CA7000004). The Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Order in a public hearing that will be part of the public meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., September 16, 2010, City of La Quinta, City Council Chambers, 78-495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92253.

A copy of the Tentative Order, USEPA's tentative approval, and the Biological Assessment is available on the Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/). A hard copy may be obtained by contacting Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950.

The public is invited to provide written comments on the Tentative Order and USEPA's tentative approval during the 30-day public comment period, which begins on August 3, 2010, and ends on September 2, 2010. To be given sufficient consideration, please mail comments as soon as possible to the attention of John Carmona at the Regional Board's address 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260 or fax them to the Regional Board office at (760) 341-6820. Comments made in reference to USEPA's approval letter and the Biological Assessment should be directed to the attention of Matthew Mitchell, USEPA, 75 Hawthorne Street (WTR-5), San Francisco, CA 94105. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact John Carmona at (760) 340-4521. Matthew Mitchell may be reached by phone at (415) 972-3508.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations to participate in this public hearing should 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.