

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

In the Matter of a Proposed Amendment to the
Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to Establish a
Conditional Prohibition and Implementation Plan for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges
Originating within the Palo Verde Valley and the Palo Verde Mesa.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a Public Workshop from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., November 16, 2010, to discuss revisions to the subject proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region. The amendment will establish a conditional prohibition and implementation plan for agricultural wastewater discharges originating within the Palo Verde Valley and the Palo Verde Mesa (hereafter referred to as the "PV Ag Discharge Prohibition").

In accordance with statutory requirements, notice of the proposed amendment and Regional Water Board public hearing was previously published in several local newspapers and posted on the Regional Water Board's website on July 1, 2010 (Public Notice No. 7-28-10). The Notice provided a 60-day comment period from July 1, 2010, through August 31, 2010. The Notice also explained that the Regional Water Board would consider adoption of the proposed amendment at its regularly scheduled public hearing on September 16, 2010, in the La Quinta City Council Chambers. In response to written comments received, certain non-substantive revisions were made to the proposed amendment and supporting documentation. These revisions were incorporated into the materials provided to the Regional Water Board members for their consideration at the September 16th public hearing.

Based on oral comments given at the September 16, 2010 public hearing, written comments received and Regional Water Board staff's responses, and the proposed revised amendment and supporting documentation provided to the Regional Water Board members, the Regional Water Board determined that it would be appropriate to give affected stakeholders and other interested persons an additional opportunity to discuss the issues raised. As a result, the Regional Water Board directed its staff to conduct a Workshop to provide a forum for addressing these issues.

Accordingly, the purpose of the workshop is:

- to discuss comments received and Regional Water Board staff's responses;
- to discuss revisions made in response to the comments received;
- to discuss other relevant aspects (e.g., monitoring requirements) of the PV Ag Discharge Prohibition;
- to update affected stakeholders and interested persons on the status of this proposed amendment, and
- to provide a forum for PVID and other affected stakeholders to discuss any other PV Ag Discharge Prohibition concerns they may have.

The Workshop is scheduled as follows:

Date: November 16, 2010
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Location: PVID Headquarters
180 West 14th Street
Blythe, CA 92223

Documents relevant to the PV Ag Discharge Prohibition can be obtained from the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning

or by contacting Ms. Theresa Kimsey at (760) 776-8971.

A quorum of Regional Water Board members may be present at the Workshop. However, no action will be taken by the Regional Water Board.

To ensure the accuracy of the record, individuals with written statements for oral presentation are requested to submit their statements to Regional Water Board staff during or after the Workshop.

Disabled persons that require special accommodations to participate in the Workshop should contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 no later than **November 5, 2010**.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter. If you have any questions, please call Theresa Kimsey at (760) 776-8971.