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COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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Public Notice No. 7-11-15
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**REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

In the Matter of a Proposed Amendment to the
Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region
to Prohibit Septic Tank Discharges
in the Town of Yucca Valley.

REVISED 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 instead of a Public Hearing to discuss revisions to the Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to Prohibit Septic Tank Discharges in the Town of Yucca Valley. The schedule for the Public Workshop on this matter is provided below.

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 December 22, 2010 (Public Notice No. 7-10-50). The Notice provided a 45-day comment period from December 22, 2010, through February 5, 2011. The Notice also explained that the Regional Water Board would consider adoption of the proposed amendment at its regularly scheduled public hearing on March 17, 2011, in the La Quinta City Council Chambers. Subsequently, Public Notice 7-10-50, a "Revised Notice of Public Hearing" was published advising the public that the location of the March 17, 2011 Regional Board meeting had been changed to the Town of Yucca Valley Community Center's Yucca Room (Public Notice No. 7-11-12).

Based on input from members of the Regional Water Board, Regional Water Board staff determined that it would be appropriate to give affected stakeholders and other interested persons an additional opportunity to discuss the proposed prohibition of septic tank discharges. As a result, the subject Public Workshop has been scheduled in lieu of the Public Hearing on this matter to provide a forum for addressing issues pertaining to the proposed prohibition. Additional notice will be provided later when it is determined when this matter will be scheduled for a public hearing.

To ensure the public has an opportunity to provide input on the Workshop, another written comment period is being provided from Friday, February 18, 2011, through Monday, March 21, 2011. The extension of the written comment period beyond the date of the Workshop (March 17, 2011) will give the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed Workshop topics (described below) as well as any additional issues that may develop in the Workshop itself. Written comments or questions on the Workshop should be directed to the attention of Jon Rokke at the Regional Water Board address listed above. Mr. Rokke can be reached by phone at (760) 776-8959. Please include the term "BPA Yucca Valley Septic Tank Prohibition Workshop" in the heading

of your comments to ensure proper routing. Written comments may be provided by letter or e-mail. Mr. Rokke's e-mail address is: jrokke@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Workshop topics to be discussed are as follows:

- to discuss all aspects of the proposed prohibition;
- to provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss any concerns they may have about the proposed prohibition;
- to discuss comments received to date and the Regional Water Board staff's responses;
- to update affected stakeholders and interested persons on the status of this proposed amendment.

The Workshop is scheduled as follows:

Date: March 17, 2011
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Town of Yucca Valley
Community Center – Yucca Room
57090 Twentynine Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA, 92284

Documents relevant to the proposed Basin Plan Amendment to Prohibit Septic Tank Discharges in the Town of Yucca 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 Jon Rokke at (760) 776-8959.

The regularly scheduled Regional Water Board public meeting in the Yucca Room Community Center on March 17, 2011, will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the Workshop portion of the meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Although a quorum of Regional Water Board members may be present at the Workshop, **no action will be taken by the Regional Water Board at the Workshop.**

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 **March 5, 2011.**

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter. If you have any questions, please call Jon Rokke at (760) 776-8959.