

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

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**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 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 R7-2012-0011:

**SEELEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
SEELEY COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
SEELEY – IMPERIAL COUNTY**

The staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board), has prepared tentative Board Order R7-2012-0011 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 R7-2012-0011 updates and replaces existing Board Order R7-2007-0036.

Date: September 20, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region Board Room
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
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The Regional Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins August 1, 2012, and ends August 31, 2012. Written comments on the Tentative Board Order must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., August 31, 2012. 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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Comments made in reference to USEPA's approval letter and the Biological Assessment 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 three (3) 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: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf. A copy may also be obtained in person at the Regional Board Office, or a copy can be mailed to you by contacting 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, USEPA's tentative approval, and the Biological Assessment are available on the Regional Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/.

Interested persons are advised that the full text of the current NPDES permit Board Order R7-2007-0036 and the tentative Board Order R7-2012-0011 are available on the Regional Water Board's web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/. Under the heading of "Board Orders", select years 2007 and 2012, then Orders R7-2007-0036 and R7-2012-0011, 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.

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.

File: 7A 13 0111 031, SCWD WWTP, Board Order R7-2007-0036