

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

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NPDES No. CAG017001

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

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) has drafted Waste Discharge Requirements (Proposed General Order R7-2013-0800, CAG017001) for the regulation of:

**CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFOS)  
WITHIN THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

The staff of the Regional Water Board has prepared tentative General Order R7-2013-0800 for the above dischargers 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. Tentative General Order R7-2013-0800 updates and replaces existing General Order R7-2008-0800.

Date: June 20, 2013  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Town of Yucca Valley Community Center  
Yucca Room  
57090 Twentynine Palms Highway  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

The Regional Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins May 17, 2013, and ends June 17, 2013. Written comments on the Tentative Board Order must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., June 17, 2013. 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 Jose Gpe. Figueroa-Acevedo at the address shown below or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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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](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 tentative General Order, written comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board office. Contact Jose Gpe. Figueroa-Acevedo, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 352-1464 for any questions regarding this matter. In addition, copies of the Tentative Board Order are available on the Regional Water Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/).

Ex Parte Communications. Effective January 1, 2013, ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the Board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for Board action. For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on January 3, 2013. If the Board does not take action on January 17, 2013, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Chair or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the Board meeting to

which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice via the Lyris email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

Interested persons are advised that the full text of the current General NPDES permit Order R7-2008-0800 and the tentative General Order R7-2013-0800 are available on the Regional Water Board's web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/). Under the heading of "Board Orders", select years 2008 and 2013, then Orders R7-2008-0800 and R7-2013-0800, respectively. If you need a hard copy of these orders mailed to you, please contact Hilda Vasquez by phone at (760) 776-8950 or via e-mail at [hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto: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: CAFO General Order R7-2008-0800 (CAG017001)