

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
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Public Notice 7-14-28
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SECOND REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**FOR BOARD ORDER R7-2014-0046
DRAFT CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES AND DISCHARGES OF
WASTES FROM DRAIN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES
ORIGINATING WITHIN THE COACHELLA VALLEY, RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared revised Board Order R7-2014-0046 for the subject draft Conditional Waiver. **The revisions now include a defined Water Quality Monitoring Plan, as requested by the Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition, which is a nonprofit organization representing Coachella Valley agricultural dischargers and drain maintenance dischargers for the purpose of implementing the proposed Conditional Waiver.** The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the draft Conditional Waiver during a Public Hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: June 26, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Town of Yucca Valley
Community Center – Yucca Room
557090 Twentynine Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding this draft Conditional Waiver during a public comment period, which begins April 26, 2014, and ends **June 23, 2014**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the tentative Board Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **June 23, 2014**. Written comments may be faxed to the Board offices at (760) 341-6820 or e-mailed to the attention of Doug Wylie at Doug.Wylie@waterboards.ca.gov. If comments are e-mailed, please indicate in the Subject Line: "Coachella Valley Waiver." Mailed written comments should be sent to the following address to the attention of Mr. Wylie:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
ATTN: Doug Wylie
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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 June 12, 2014. If the Board does not take action on June 26, 2014, 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.

Please note that ex parte communications with the Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair, Ms. Ellen Way, regarding this matter are not allowed, however, due to the Chair's financial interest in the waiver.

For purposes of this ex parte communications prohibition exception, the following three categories of persons are required to disclose any communications with Board members about the proposed waiver: (1) a potential enrollee in the waiver, and representatives or employees of such person; (2) any person with a financial interest in the waiver, and the representatives or employees of such person; and (3) a representative acting on behalf of any formally organized civic, environmental, neighborhood, business, labor, trade, or similar association who intends to influence the Board's decision in this matter. Persons not falling into any of these three categories do not have a disclosure obligation.

Those subject to disclosure must provide the following information: date, time, location, and type of communication (written, oral or both); identify all participants; state who initiated the communication; and describe the substance of the communication. Any supplementary materials (e.g., Powerpoint) used as part of a meeting or other communication must be included. The following optional, fillable Disclosure Form, prepared by the State Water Resources Control Board, may be used to prepare this disclosure: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/swrcb_godf_fillin.pdf

The completed disclosure should be submitted to the attention of Doug Wylie via Fax or e-mail, as described above. The disclosure must also be submitted within seven (7) working days of the communication.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the Public Hearing. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that those persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing to assure accuracy of the record.

Copies of the tentative Board Order are available on the Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/

Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the Tentative Order should contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

Any person who is disabled and requires 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.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Doug Wylie at (760) 776-8960.