

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

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August 2, 2015  
NPDES No. CAG997001

**REVISED 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 R7-2015-0006, CAG997001) for the regulation of:

**LOW THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS**

The staff of the Regional Water Board has prepared proposed Board Order R7-2015-0006 for the above activity 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. Proposed Board Order R7-2015-0006 updates and replaces existing Board Order R7-2009-0300, except for enforcement purposes.

Date: September 17, 2015  
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 Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins August 9, 2015, and ends on September 8, 2015. Written comments on the proposed Board Order must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., September 8, 2015. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record. If written comments to the Colorado River Basin Water Board are not timely submitted, however, the 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 Colorado River Basin Water Board. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4.) Written materials or other documents submitted at the Colorado River Basin 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 Anders Wistrom at the address shown below or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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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 September 3, 2015. If the Board does not take action on September 17, 2015, 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 Lyrus email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/swrcb_godf_fillin.pdf).

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

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 Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to 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 Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. In order to have adequate time for the presentations by Board staff, however, comments from the public will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let 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 Colorado River Basin Water Board's Meeting Procedures is available at:

<[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board\\_info/agenda/docs/bm\\_procedures.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf)>.

A copy may also be obtained in person at the Colorado River Basin Water 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 proposed Board Order, written comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office. Contact Anders Wistrom, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 776-8964 for any questions regarding this matter.

Interested persons are advised that the full text of the current General NPDES permit Order R7-2009-0300, and proposed General Order R7-2015-0006 are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at:

<[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board\\_decisions/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_decisions/)>. Under the heading of "Board Orders", select years 2009 and 2015, then Orders R7-2009-0300, and R7-2015-0006, 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](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: Low Threat General Order R7-2009-0300