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NPDE Permit CA0105023  
August 10, 2015

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SPECIAL BOARD ORDER R7-2015-0041**

**AMENDING CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R7-2011-0058  
ISSUED TO SEELEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, OWNER/OPERATOR  
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Seeley County Water District (hereinafter Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving the unincorporated community of Seeley. The current total design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant is 0.25 MGD and is located at 1898 West Main Street, Seeley, CA 92273. The final effluent from the WWTP is discharged to the New River, a water of the United States, tributary to the Salton Sea. On September 19, 2007, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R7-2007-0036 (NPDES Permit CA0105023) for the Discharger to regulate discharges of treated wastewater. WDRs Order R7-2007-0036 contains specific effluent limitations, prohibitions, specifications, and provisions that were necessary to protect the beneficial uses of the surface and ground waters within the Colorado River Basin Region.

On November 17, 2011, the Regional Water issued CDO R7-2011-0058 requesting the Discharger to prepare and implement a Pollution Prevention Plan to achieve full compliance with the effluent limitation in WDR Order R7-2007-0036 by August 31, 2015. The Discharger undertook a series of good faith efforts to comply with the CDO, including a pilot project to phase out its discharge to the New River. However, it determined that phasing out its discharge into the New River is not technically practicable. In addition, the Discharger experienced a large turn-over of staff, board members, and key consultants in the organization. Consequently, it has requested an extension until August 2016 to bring its discharge into compliance with Board orders. Based on the forgoing, Regional Water Board staff is recommending that the Regional Water Board grant the Discharger the requested time extension.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in CWC Section 13385(j)(3)(C), Regional Water Board staff is recommending the Regional Water Board adopt a Special Board Order that would revise CDO R7-2011-0058 to extend the deadline to achieve full compliance with WDR Order R7-2007-0036 by August 1, 2016.

The Regional Board will proceed with the public hearing to consider the proposed Special Order as follows:

Date: September 17, 2015  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region Board Room  
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During the hearing, the public and any other person interested in this matter can provide the Regional Water Board with comments on this matter.

Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the proposed Special Board Order or any other aspects of this matter are required to do so prior to the public hearing, so that the Regional Water Board may consider the comments.

Comments must be mailed to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
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A copy of the proposed Special Board Order and CDO may be obtained from the Regional Board Office. The CDO is available via the Internet at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders)

Please contact Kai Dunn at (760) 776-8986 for any questions regarding this matter. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Regional Water Board Meeting, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.