

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

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Public Notice No. 7-15-42
December 8, 2015

REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF FILING OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

In the Matter of a Proposed Amendment
of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region
to Revise a Septic Tank Discharge Prohibition
in the Town of Yucca Valley

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region will hold a public hearing to receive comments on, and consider adoption of, a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region, and its supporting draft "Substitute Environmental Documents" prepared pursuant to section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code. The Substitute Environmental Documents include the staff report, draft amendment, and environmental checklist. The proposed amendment will revise a Septic Tank Discharge Prohibition for the Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County as follows:

- Extend the deadline for Phase 1 to June 30, 2021;
- Establish a single deadline for Phases 2 and 3 of December 31, 2025;
- Revise the internal boundaries for Phases 1, 2, and 3 to agree with Hi-Desert Water District's new boundaries; and
- Incorporate into the Prohibition criteria to deal with the Deferred Properties.

The draft Substitute Environmental Documents concluded that the environmental impacts will be less than significant with mitigation incorporated. Consequently, alternatives to the Project and mitigation measures were evaluated. Due to the significant impacts identified, a Statement of Overriding Considerations was provided. The document also includes analyses of socioeconomic impacts, and reasonably foreseeable means of compliance with the proposed amendment. The technical justification for the proposed amendment is provided in the staff report.

The Public Notice is being revised due to a change in the location of the March 2016 Board Meeting. The original Board meeting location was Brawley. The location for the meeting has been changed to the Town of Yucca Valley to make the meeting more accessible to the citizens of the community of Yucca Valley. The Board hearing on the matter will be held as follows:

DATE: March 10, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: **Town of Yucca Valley
Community Center—Yucca Room
57090 Twentynine Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284**

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will consider approval of the draft Substitute Environmental Documents and adoption of the amendment as proposed, or as modified as a result of deliberations. Changes made to the amendment, if any, will be consistent with the purpose of the amendment.

The 45-day public review period for the draft Substitute Environmental Documents and proposed amendment remains the same and is from **December 8, 2015, to January 22, 2016**. Written comments or

questions regarding these documents should be directed to the attention of Theresa Kimsey at the address above. Ms. Kimsey can be reached by phone at (760) 776-8971. Please include the term "BPA to Revise Septic Tank Discharge Prohibition for the Town of Yucca Valley" in the heading of your comments to ensure proper routing. The draft Substitute Environmental Documents are available on the Regional Water Board's Internet webpage at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning/ Copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling (760) 346-7491. In addition, these documents, along with the Colorado River Basin Water Board's Basin Plan and related materials, may be inspected at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office located at 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260. The draft Substitute Environmental Documents are also available for viewing at the Yucca Valley Branch of the San Bernardino County Library, 57098 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

The **Town of Yucca Valley Community Center—Yucca Room** is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 at least five (5) working days prior to the Regional Water Board hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.