

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

73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260
Phone: (760) 346-7491

Public Notice 7-15-44
December 9, 2015

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
BOARD ORDER R7-2016-0007**

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared Tentative Board Order Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) R7-2016-0007 for One World Beef, LLC, Brawley Slaughterhouse Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at 57 Shank Road, Brawley, California 92227, in Imperial County. One World Beef (OWB or Discharger) has entered into a Purchase and Sales Agreement (Agreement) to buy the Facility from National Beef California, LP (NBC). NBC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Beef Packing Company, LLC (headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri), which in turn is a subsidiary of Leucadia National Corporation. The Facility ceased operations in May 2014. The Facility is expected to be sold presently to the Discharger pursuant to the Agreement.

The Facility has a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) that consists of primary screens, two Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) units, an anaerobic digester (Pond 1), an intermediate dissolved air flotation unit, an aerobic activated sludge pond (Pond 2), a clarifier, a polishing pond (Pond 3), which consists of a clarifier (Ponds 3A/B) and diversion pond (Pond 3C), a suspended air flotation (SAF) unit, and a belt filter press for dewatering solids. All three ponds are unlined. The WWTF also includes an unlined storm water pond onsite that is not considered part of the WWTF. If NBC sells the Facility to the Discharger as planned, the Discharger proposes to resume operations at the Facility in February 2016 and discharge wastewater at two locations: (1) to areal groundwater through the three unlined ponds and (2) from the WWTF into the city of Brawley municipal wastewater collection system for further treatment and disposal at the city of Brawley Wastewater Treatment Plant (Brawley WWTP).

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the Tentative WDRs Order during a Public Hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: January 14, 2016
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
Palm Desert, CA 92260

WDRs are needed to protect water quality and prevent nuisance conditions that may result from treatment and discharges of wastewater at the Facility.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding this Tentative Board Order during a thirty-day public comment period, which begins December 9, 2015, and ends January 8, 2016. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Board Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than January 8, 2016. The Colorado River Basin Water Board has implemented an electronic records management system to reduce paper consumption and improve overall accessibility to records and documents. To submit comments electronically, please convert the signed original documents to Portable Document Format (PDF) and submit via email to RB7-coloradoriver@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or USB and mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Mailed written comments may be sent to the address above. Written comments may also be faxed to the Colorado River Basin Water Board office at (760) 341-6820.

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 Colorado River Basin Water 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 any persons known to you who would 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 questions concerning this matter, please contact Jose L. Angel at (760) 776-8932.