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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**SPECIAL BOARD ORDER R7-2016-0031
AMENDING TIME SCHEDULE ORDER R7-2016-0008
ISSUED TO ONE WORLD BEEF LLC, OWNER/OPERATOR,
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

One World Beef, LLC (Discharger), submitted an application and Report of Waste Discharge for Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), dated November 25, 2015, for proposed on-site discharges of wastes from a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) that provides services to a beef processing facility (Facility). The Facility is located at 57 Shank Road, Brawley, CA 92227, in Imperial County. The 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, which in turn is a subsidiary of Leucadia National Corporation. The Facility is expected to be sold presently to the Discharger pursuant to the Agreement.

On January 14, 2016, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) adopted Board Order R7-2016-0007, prescribing WDRs for the Discharger's Facility that will generate industrial wastewater to be discharged (1) to areal groundwater through 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. The Discharger proposes to implement a phased approach to ramp up operations at the Facility. Under the Discharger's proposal, there will be five (5) phases that ultimately will lead to a discharge of up to 1.30 million gallons per day of process wastewater. In addition, on January 14, 2016, the Colorado River Basin Water Board adopted Time Schedule Order (TSO) R7-2016-0008 pursuant to Sections 13267 and 13300 of the CWC, requiring the Discharger to prepare technical reports and to implement onsite improvements to bring its Facility and related proposed discharges of wastes into compliance with Board Order R7-2016-0007.

At the time the TSO R7-2016-0008 was adopted, the Discharger anticipated that escrow would close by January 2016 and start Phase 1 of its operation in February 2016. However, the Discharger notified the Colorado River Basin Water Board in May 2016 that there have been a number of delays with its project, and it now expects to close escrow in June 2016. The delays have had a cascading effect on the expected startup date and each of the subsequent Phases of operation. Based on this effect, by letter dated May 20, 2016, the Discharger requested a five-month extension applicable to each Phase of the operation. The Discharger has not discharged any wastes onsite since the adoption of Board Orders R7-2016-0007 and R7-2016-0008, and thus, the Discharger is in full compliance with both Orders. The Discharger has submitted a timely and justifiable request for a time extension of the deadlines prescribed by TSO R7-2016-0008.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in CWC sections 13267 and 13300, this proposed Special Board Order revises TSO R7-2016-0008 to extend the Phase 1-5 deadlines specified on pages 2-3, Finding 6, Table 2, and the deadline for submitting a technical report in Ordered Paragraph No. 4 on page 7.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board shall accept written comments about the tentative Special Board Order during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins **June 10, 2016**, and ends **July 11, 2016**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the tentative Special Board Order are requested to do so by **July 11, 2016**, so that they may be given sufficient consideration.

Comments must be mailed to the attention of Doug Wylie, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, at the address shown below, or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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A copy of the proposed Special Board Order and TSO may be obtained from the Colorado River Basin Water Board Office. Also, they are available via the Internet at:

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

Please contact Doug Wylie at (760) 776-8960 for any questions regarding this matter (doug.wylie@waterboards.ca.gov)