

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

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Public Notice 7-16-29  
July 29, 2016

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
SPECIAL BOARD ORDER R7-2016-0034  
AMENDING BOARD ORDER R7-2015-0008  
WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
AGRICULTURAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES AND DISCHARGES FROM DRAIN  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES WITHIN IMPERIAL VALLEY  
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared Special Board Order R7-2016-0034, which clarifies the applicability of Board Order R7-2015-0008, the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Wastes from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities within the Imperial Valley, Board Order R7-2015-0008 (Imperial Valley Agricultural Waiver).

The clarification is necessary to address the threat that discharges of storm water runoff from farmland in the Imperial Valley pose to water quality. If the Imperial Valley Agricultural Waiver is amended as recommended by staff, it will require owners of farmland in the Imperial Valley to obtain coverage under the Ag Waiver for their storm water discharges, regardless of whether the farmland is irrigated. The Board intends to consider adopting the Tentative Board Order during a Public Hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: September 15, 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  
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The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding this Tentative Board Order during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins July 29, 2016, and ends August 29, 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 August 29, 2016. Written comments may be faxed to the Board offices at (760) 341-6820. Mailed written comments should be sent to the following address to the attention of Jose L. Angel:

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Colorado River Basin Region  
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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 Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/](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) 346-7491.