

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for the
Agricultural Beneficial Use of Treated Industrial Wastewater
Imperial County**

**Public Comment Period:
October 13 – November 14, 2016**

The public is invited to review and comment on an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), prepared for the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board) by Environmental Resource Management on behalf of One World Beef Packers, LLC (OWB), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.). The MND addresses OWB's Project to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and the Issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Use of Reclaimed Water for Agricultural Irrigation.

The Project Area is comprised of three sites, one at the One World Beef processing facility at 57 East Shank Road, which would include 12 acres of Biofiltration treatment units; another 10 acres at the facility, which would be irrigated with treated wastewater from the biofiltration system; and an office 130-acre parcel adjacent to the facility, which would also be irrigated with treated wastewater from the biofiltration system. The irrigated parcels would be cropped with Bermuda grass for cattle feed. The Project Area is located in Brawley, Imperial County, California. The Project will be developed in three phases and reach full operation by 2022. The proposed Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution No. R7-2016-0042, which would adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and the Mitigated Negative Declaration itself have been posted on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website and are available for public review and comment at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is supported by an Initial Study, which evaluates whether the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The

proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the determination by the Colorado River Basin Water Board that although the Project may have a significant effect on the environment, the effects can be mitigated to less than significant. The Colorado River Basin Water Board will consider adopting the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration during a Public Hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated below:

Date: November 17, 2017
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 public hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929.

Written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study must be postmarked no later than November 14, 2014, for delivery to:

Jose Cortez, Water Resources Control Engineer
Colorado River Basin
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If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Jose Cortez, Water Resources Control Engineer (760) 776-8963, or, Doug Wylie Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 776-8960.