

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

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT  
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

The following discharger has filed an application for reissuance of a discharge permit Board Order R7-2012-0008 under Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program (33 U.S.C. § 1342)

**COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, MID-VALLEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT  
NO. 4 – RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

The staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board), has prepared proposed Board Order R7-2017-0006 (Proposed Order) for the above discharger containing effluent and receiving water limitations and special provisions in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and Division 7 of the California Water Code, commencing with Section 13000. The public hearing to consider adoption of the Proposed Order will be on:

Date:	May 19, 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 Palm Desert, CA 92260

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

**BACKGROUND**

The Coachella Valley Water District (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Mid-Valley Water Reclamation Plant No. 4 (Facility), a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). This Facility is located at 63002 Fillmore Street, Thermal, California, and discharges wastewater from Discharge point 001 to the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel, a water of the United States.

The Discharger is regulated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES Permit No. CA0104973, Board Order R7-2012-0008) which was adopted on May 17, 2012 and which expires on May 31, 2017. The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge and submitted an application for reissuance of its WDRs and NPDES permit on November 30, 2016.

The total design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant is 9.9 MGD. The treatment plant consists of two treatment systems running in parallel; a lagoon treatment system (7.0 MGD) and

a Biolac® activated sludge treatment system (2.9 MGD). Flow from the headworks is distributed to five treatment modules. Four of the treatment modules are part of the lagoon treatment system and one treatment module is part of the Biolac® activated sludge treatment system. All ponds are lined with a synthetic membrane liner. The activated sludge treatment system consists of two activated sludge basins, two secondary clarifiers, and sludge handling facilities (including a gravity belt thickener and belt filter press). Combined effluent from each lagoon system module and the Biolac® system is disinfected and dechlorinated, prior to discharge into the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel.

#### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The full text of the current NPDES permit, Board Order R7-2012-0008, and proposed Board Order R7-2017-0006 are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml)

If you need a hard copy of these orders mailed to you, please contact Mary Castaneda by phone at (760) 776-8945 or e-mail at [mary.castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mary.castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov).

#### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins April 8, 2017 and ends May 8, 2017. Written comments on the proposed Board Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m., May 8, 2017**. Comments should be mailed to the attention of Jeong-Hee Lim at the address shown below or emailed to [jeong-hee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jeong-hee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov).

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The Colorado River Basin Water Board will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received. If written comments to the Colorado River Basin Water Board are not timely submitted, late comments will not be accepted if doing so would prejudice any party in accordance with section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

#### **HEARING PROCEDURE**

Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the public hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. In addition, to ensure accuracy of the record, the Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Board staff before or during the hearing.

Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. Comments from the public will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Any person planning to make a presentation to the Board that requires the use of visual aids (such as overheads, slides, or video projector) should contact the assigned staff person to make arrangements before the meeting date in order to avoid

unnecessary delays during the meeting. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

More information about the Colorado River Basin Water Board's Meeting Procedures is available at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_info/agenda/docs/bm\\_procedures.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf)

A copy may also be obtained in person at the Colorado River Basin Water Board Office, or a copy can be mailed to you by contacting Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or e-mail at [mary.castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mary.castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov) to request a copy.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Contact Jeong-Hee Lim, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (760) 776-8940 or email at [jeong-hee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jeong-hee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov) for any questions regarding the Proposed Order.

#### **ACCESSIBILITY**

If you are disabled and require special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 or e-mail at [hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.