NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
2017 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE BASIN PLAN

Background
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is reviewing the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin (Basin Plan) pursuant to Section 13240 of the California Water Code, and Section 303(c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act. The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for ground and surface waters in the Colorado River Basin Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect beneficial uses. The Basin Plan is reviewed for adequacy approximately every three years, hence the term Triennial Review. The objective of the Review is to reaffirm water quality standards and parts of the Basin Plan that do not require changes, and to identify potential water quality issues that may require Basin Plan amendments or other actions.

Purpose of the Workshop
The Colorado River Basin Regional Board is holding a public workshop to solicit public and Regional Water Board Member input for recommendations or revisions to a preliminary 2017 Triennial Review List. A quorum of Regional Board Members may be present at the workshop, however, the workshop does not constitute a public hearing, and no action will be taken. Staff has prepared a preliminary list of water quality issues for consideration. Based on comments received at the workshop, and resources available to take action on the issues, a 2017 Triennial Review List will then be compiled, and an opportunity for public comment will be announced. The final 2017 Triennial review list will then be finalized and presented at a public hearing for consideration of adoption.

The public workshop is scheduled as follows:

DATE:           April 17, 2017
TIME:           9:00 am – 11:00 am
LOCATION:       California Regional Water Quality Control Board
                Colorado River Basin Region Board Room
                73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
                Palm Desert, CA 92260

The preliminary 2017 Triennial Review List is available on the Board’s Internet web page at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning

Additional Information
For questions concerning the workshop, please contact Jeff Geraci by telephone at (760) 776-8935, or by email at jgeraci@waterboards.ca.gov. The facility where the workshop will be held is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact 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 1 (800) 735-2929 or voice line at 1 (800) 735-2922.