

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

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NPDES No. CA0105023

**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 R7-2012-0011 under Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program (33 U.S.C. § 1342)

**SEELEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,
SEELEY COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board), has prepared proposed Board Order R7-2017-0016 (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: November 9, 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

Seeley County Water District owns and operates the municipal wastewater treatment plant. This Facility is located at 1898 West Main Street, Seeley, California. The Facility provides domestic sewage services to a population of approximately 2,100 located in the town of Seeley which is located in the Imperial Valley. Wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to the New River, a water of the United States, via an unnamed tributary.

The current total design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant is 0.25 MGD. The treatment system consists of a lift station, a drum screen, a bar screen, a "Clemson"

aerated pond treatment system with surface aerators, pre-disinfection filtration via pressure sand filters, and an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system. Following installation of the Clemson process facilities in 2004, one of the original 2.4-acre lagoons was retrofitted to a primary oxidation pond prior to the Clemson facilities (comprised of Clemson ponds, or reaction basins). Currently, the drum and bar screens are bypassed and wastewater first enters the primary oxidation pond before being directed through the Clemson ponds. Following UV disinfection, the effluent is discharged to the New River via an unnamed tributary.

The Discharger is regulated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES Permit No. CA0105023, Board Order R7-2012-0011) which was adopted on October 1, 2012. The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge and submitted an application for reissuance of its WDRs and NPDES permit on March 28, 2017. The expiration date of the current permit, R7-2012-0011, was on September 30, 2017, but the permit is administratively extended until its renewal adoption date.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The full text of the current NPDES permit, Board Order R7-2012-0011, and proposed Board Order R7-2017-0016 are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/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.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins October 10, 2017 and ends November 8, 2017. Written comments on the proposed Board Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m., November 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.

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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

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 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 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 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.