

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

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Public Notice No. 7-17-24
September 15, 2017

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
ON THE 2017 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE BASIN PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) will accept written comments and will hold a public hearing on the preliminary 2017 Triennial Review list for the Colorado River Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The 45-day public comment period begins on **September 15, 2017** and ends on **October 30, 2017**. The Public Hearing will be held at the time and place indicated:

DATE: Thursday, November 9, 2017
TIME: 9:00 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

BACKGROUND

The Colorado River Basin Water Board is reviewing the 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 every three years. The objective of the Review is to reaffirm water quality standards and parts of the Basin Plan that effectively protect water quality, and to identify potential water quality problems that may require Basin Plan amendments to address.

The schedule for the 2017 Basin Plan Triennial Review is as follows:

Public Hearing	March 09, 2017
1 st Public Workshop	April 17, 2017
Public comment period begins (45 days)	Sept. 15, 2017
2 nd Public Workshop	Oct. 09, 2017
Public comment period ends	Oct. 30, 2017
Board Adoption Hearing	Nov. 09, 2017

Colorado River Basin Water Board staff (Staff) notified the public of the Board's intent to conduct a Triennial Review at a public hearing on March 9, 2017 in Needles, California, and conducted a Board Workshop on the matter April 17, 2017. A preliminary list of water quality issues that may result in Basin Plan amendments was provided for review and comment by the Board and the public. Based on comments provided at the workshop, and on further input from stakeholders, staff has updated the list and will conduct a second workshop to present the preliminary list on October 9, 2017 at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office in Palm Desert, as announced in Public Notice 7-17-23 dated September 7, 2017, available at this link: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/public_notices/

Staff is soliciting public input for recommendations or revisions to the Final Draft 2017 Triennial Review List during the comment period noted at the beginning of this notice. Written responses will be provided to comments received during the comment period.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will consider adoption of the Final Draft 2017 Triennial Review List as proposed, or as modified as a result of its deliberations.

DOCUMENTS

The Final Draft 2017 Triennial Review List and associated documents will be available on the Board's Basin Planning program webpage at the bottom of the page at the following link:

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

Triennial Review documents may also be reviewed by appointment at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office at the address listed at the beginning of this public notice. Copies of Triennial Review documents may also be obtained by contacting Jeff Geraci by email at jeff.geraci@waterboards.ca.gov

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons must submit written comment by the comment deadline at **5:00 PM on Monday, October 30** as follows:

- Email the comment letter to Jeff Geraci at jeff.geraci@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line: "Comment Letter: 2017 Triennial Review"
- Mail should be postmarked by the comment deadline indicated above and addressed as follows:

Jeff Geraci, Sr. Environmental Scientist
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region Board Room
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

- Hand deliveries should be delivered by the comment deadline to the same address as listed above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The facility 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.