REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE

Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of a New Lined Evaporation Pond at
Earthrise Nutritional Microalgae Production Facility
Calipatria, Imperial County

Public Comment Period:
March 7 – April 5, 2018

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 Procopio on behalf of
Earthrise Nutritional, LLC, 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
Earthrise Nutritional, LLC’s Project and the Issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for the use of Project.

The proposed project consists of the construction, operation, and maintenance of a
new, lined evaporation pond (Project or Pond) at the microalgae production facility
owned and operated by Earthrise Nutritional, LLC (Applicant). The Pond will be built on
the Applicant’s approximately 189-acre existing facility (Project Site) and will be used to
receive wastewater generated by the harvesting of algae from the Applicant’s Spirulina
Harvest Plant Facility (SHPF) and its Linablu® Extraction Facility (LBEF). The SHPF
and LBEF are also located at the Project Site. The annual wastewater discharged to
the Pond from the two processes will be approximately 16.6 million gallons. The Pond
will be constructed as a Class II surface impoundment in accordance with title 27 of the
California Code of Regulations, and lined to prevent infiltration of wastewater into native
soil as required by WDRs that will be issued by the Colorado River Basin Water Board.

The proposed Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution R7-2018-0012, 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/adopted_orders/resolutions.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: April 12, 2018  
Time: 7:30 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

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 April 5, 2018, for delivery to:

Doug Wylie, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer  
Colorado River Basin  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

CONTACT:

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