

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

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Public Notice No. 7-18-18  
May 25, 2018

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R7-2018-00XX (PROPOSED)**

IN THE MATTER OF  
WALMART INC. OWNER/OPERATOR  
OF STORE 1915-04 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
FOR DISCHARGES OF WASTE IN VIOLATION OF REQUIREMENTS  
OF ORDER R7-2012-0003

WRITTEN COMMENTS DUE NO LATER THAN  
**5:00 P.M., JUNE 11, 2018**

Walmart Inc. (Walmart) owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) that treats domestic wastewaters generated by the Yucca Valley Walmart Store 1915-04, located at 58501 Twenty-nine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, Ca 92284, and two outparcels containing a retail store and a restaurant (Facility). On January 19, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Water Board (Regional Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R7-2012-0003 to regulate the discharge of treated domestic wastewater from the Facility. The treated wastewater is discharged via seepage pits to the groundwater within the Warren hydrologic area of the Joshua Tree Hydrologic unit.

On June 14, 2018, the Regional Board will consider a Stipulation for Entry of Cease and Desist Order R7-2018-00XX (PROPOSED) seeking approval of Cease and Desist Order R7-2018-00XX (PROPOSED) ("Proposed CDO") related to alleged violations by Walmart of WDRs Order No. R7-2012-0003 at the Facility. Walmart and the Regional Board Prosecution Team have entered into a Stipulation agreeing to jointly seek the Regional Board's approval of the Proposed CDO setting forth a schedule for compliance. The Stipulation and Proposed CDO are available at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). If you need a hard copy of the Stipulation and Proposed Order 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).

Persons may comment on the Stipulation and Proposed CDO by submitting written comments so that they are received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2018. Written comments should include "Proposed Walmart CDO" in the subject line, and should be submitted to the attention of Adriana Godinez at:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
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Written comments may also be emailed to [adriana.godinez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:adriana.godinez@waterboards.ca.gov). The Regional Board Prosecution Team will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received.

If the Regional Board does not adopt the Proposed CDO, the matter may be scheduled for an evidentiary hearing at a subsequent Regional Board meeting. Please check the Regional Board's website for any updates on this matter.

Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the June 14, 2018 board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. In addition, the Regional Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Regional Board staff before or during board's consideration of the matter.

Those who wish to speak will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Regional 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.

#### **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.

File: WDID No. 7A 36 0140 001, Walmart Stores WWTP, Board Order R7-2012-0003

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