

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

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY
FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO) R7-2019-0029
ISSUED TO
SEELEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
SEELEY, IMPERIAL COUNTY**

The Seeley County Water District (Discharger) owns and operates the Seeley County Water District Wastewater Treatment Plant, a municipal wastewater treatment plant located at 1898 West Main Street, Seeley, CA 92273, in Imperial County (Facility). The Facility provides domestic sewerage services to a population of approximately 2,100 located in the town of Seeley, which is located in the Imperial Valley. The wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has a treatment capacity of 0.25 million gallons-per-day (MGD). Effluent from the WWTP is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to the New River, a water of the United States, via an unnamed tributary.

November 9, 2017, the Colorado River Basin Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R7-2017-0016 (2017 WDRs) to regulate discharges of treated wastewater from the Facility. The 2017 WDRs includes Final Effluent Limitations for several constituents. The effluent limitations for copper in the 2017 WDRs are new requirements for the discharge that were not imposed in earlier WDRs.

According to the monitoring data from April 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018, the Discharger exceeded the effluent limitations for total copper numerous times. On September 26, 2018, the Discharger proposed a Compliance Project consisting of investigating and identifying the source(s) of copper violations, eliminating and/or controlling the source(s) of copper violations, and improving a dump station to include better solids screening, monitoring, and the addition of an aerated holding tank or modifying an existing pond to control flows into the treatment plant with the intent of controlling any copper present in the dump station wastes. On January 17, 2019, the Discharger proposed a revised Compliance Project to further improve controlling copper present in the dump station wastes.

In accordance with Water Code section 13385(j)(3)(C), the tentative TSO R7-2019-0029 is proposed to be issued by the Colorado River Basin Water Board to establish a time schedule of no more than five years for bringing the waste discharge into compliance with the effluent limitation. The time schedule is as short as possible, taking into account the technological, operational and economic factors that affect the design, development, and implementation of the control measure that are necessary to comply with the effluent limitations.

Colorado River Basin Water Board shall accept written comments about the tentative TSO R7-2019-0029 during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins **March 4, 2019** and ends **April 3, 2019**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the tentative TSO R7-2019-0029 are requested to do so by **April 3, 2019**, so that they may be given sufficient consideration.

Comments must be mailed to the attention of Kai Dunn, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, at the address shown below, or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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A copy of the tentative TSO may be obtained from the Colorado River Basin Water Board Office. The TSO is available via the Internet at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Please contact Kai Dunn at (760) 776-8986 for any questions regarding this matter (kai.dunn@waterboards.ca.gov)