

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

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NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE OF INTENT IS HEREBY GIVEN for the preparation of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for General Waste Discharge Requirements for *In-situ* Groundwater Remediation at Sites within the Colorado River Basin Region, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.

Lead Agency: Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board)

Applicant: Responsible Parties of Leaking Underground Storage Tanks and Site Cleanup Program properties.

Project Location: Various locations within Colorado River Basin, including parts of Riverside, Imperial, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties.

Project Description: Discharges of petroleum hydrocarbon compounds and volatile organic compounds, heavy metals, perchlorate, pesticides, and other types of contaminants have impacted groundwater at numerous sites within the Colorado River Basin Region and cause or threaten adverse impacts to existing and potential beneficial uses of groundwater. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requires those sites to cleanup the pollution and restore the beneficial uses of the groundwater. This cleanup can take many forms. A common method to cleanup groundwater pollution is *in-situ* remediation, which involves the addition of chemicals and/or other reactive materials (amendments) into soil and groundwater (*in-situ*), via chemical, biological, or physical treatment systems to promote groundwater remediation. This includes discharge of amendments directly into groundwater, as well as amendments added to extracted groundwater for groundwater treatment and recirculation systems. Amendments containing pollutants such as metals could contribute to exceedances of water quality objectives and/or degradation of the groundwater. In most instances, this degradation is short-lived, and the groundwater returns to its background conditions within a relatively short distance past the treatment zone. The Project entails the adoption of General Waste Discharge Requirements (General WDRs) regulating *in-situ* groundwater remediation at sites within the Colorado River Basin Region.

Public Hearing: The Colorado River Basin Water Board will conduct a public hearing on April 11, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office located at 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260 to consider the adoption of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, in conjunction with the adoption of the proposed General WDRs.

Comment Period: March 5, 2019 to April 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
Comments will be accepted for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration during this period. You may submit comments by email to joan.stormo@waterboards.ca.gov or by mail to Attn: Joan Stormo, 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Only comments submitted during the specified period will be considered, unless otherwise allowed under CEQA.

Document Availability: All required documents for the Project are available at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office located at 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260 during normal working hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

A copy of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is also available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at:

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