

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

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**REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2020-0004**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared proposed Order R7-2020-0020 (Proposed Order) for the Castle Mountain Mine (Facility), located about 100 miles east of Barstow, California. The Facility is to be re-opened, which includes construction of a new double-lined Heap Leach Pad, Class II surface impoundment/Event Pond, single-lined pregnant pond, a double-lined conveyance dike system, other gold processing infrastructure, and a new perimeter monitoring well network. The Facility is operated by Castle Mountain Venture (CVM), a California General Partnership, on land owned by CMV, Equinox Gold, and the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the Proposed Order during a public hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: June 24, 2020 (**Revised**)
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Remote Meeting via Video and Teleconference only

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding this Proposed Order during an extended public comment period, due to the Corona Virus, which will be extended from **March 30, 2020** to **April 20, 2020**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Proposed Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **April 20, 2020**.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board has implemented an electronic records management system to reduce paper consumption and improve overall accessibility to records and documents. To submit comments electronically, please convert the signed original documents to Portable Document Format (PDF) and submit via email to Zakary Owens at zakary.owens@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or USB and mailed to:

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Mailed written comments may be sent to the address above. Written comments may also be faxed to the Colorado River Basin Water Board office at (760) 341-6820.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Copies of the Proposed Order are available on the "Tentative Orders" page of the Colorado River Basin Water Board's [website](#). Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the Proposed Order should contact Mary Castañeda at (760) 776-8945 or Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950.

HEARING PROCEDURE

Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that those persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing to ensure accuracy of the record.

Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. Comments from the public will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Any person planning to make a presentation to the Colorado River Basin Water 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 on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website

["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).

ACCESSIBILITY

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 or via email at hilda.vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing. If you need interpreter services, please contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or via email Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 working days prior to the meeting.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Zakary Owens at (760) 776-8962. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.