

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

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Public Notice No. 7-20-38
October 26, 2020

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
SHORT TERM RENEWAL OF ORDER R7-2015-0008
CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
AGRICULTURAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES OF WASTE FROM DRAIN OPERATION
AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES ORIGINATING WITHIN THE IMPERIAL VALLEY,
IMPERIAL COUNTY
TENTATIVE ORDER R7-2020-0035**

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared tentative Order R7-2020-0035, *Short Term Renewal of Order R7-2015-0008, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Waste from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating Within the Imperial Valley* (Tentative Order).

Agricultural waste discharges in the Imperial Valley are currently regulated by Order R7-2015-0008, *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Waste from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating Within the Imperial Valley* (2015 Conditional Waiver), which was previously renewed for one year by Order R7-2019-0056. Colorado River Basin Water Board staff is developing general waste discharge requirements to replace the 2015 Conditional Waiver, but it will not be complete before the 2015 Conditional Waiver expires on January 15, 2021.

The Tentative Order renews the 2015 Conditional Waiver for an additional period of 12 months, until January 15, 2022, but does not modify any other terms of the waiver.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the Tentative Order during a public hearing that will commence at the following date and time, by **video and teleconference only**:

Date: December 10, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video and Teleconference

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, the Board meeting will occur solely via remote presence.

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. Links for the meeting, a phone call option, and remote participation instructions are posted on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Remote Participation Instructions](#).

At the hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will follow the Meeting Procedures found on its website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Meeting Procedures](#).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Copies of the Tentative Order and the 2015 Conditional Waiver are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Tentative Orders](#).

Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the Tentative Order or the 2015 Conditional Waiver should contact Mary Castañeda at (760) 776-8945.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Tentative Order during a thirty-day public comment period, which begins **October 26, 2020** and ends **November 25, 2020**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **November 25, 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 Jennie Snyder at Jennie.Snyder@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or portable USB drive and mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region
c/o Jennie Snyder
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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.

ACCESSIBILITY

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in the 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 meeting. 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Jennie Snyder at (760) 776-8936 or via email at Jennie.Snyder@waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.