

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

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NPDES No. CA0104400

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs)
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2021-0002**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment proposed Order R7-2021-0002, which will serve as an NPDES permit and WDRs for the Imperial Water Pollution Control Plant. The following discharger has applied for reissuance of the current NPDES permit, Order R7-2015-0030, under section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act NPDES permit program (33 U.S.C. § 1342):

CITY OF IMPERIAL
IMPERIAL WATER POLLUTION PLANT
701 EAST 14TH STREET
IMPERIAL – IMPERIAL COUNTY

Staff of the Colorado River Basin Water Board has prepared proposed Order R7-2021-0002 (Proposed Order) for the above discharger containing effluent and receiving water limitations and special provisions in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code, § 13000 et seq.). The public hearing to consider adoption of the Proposed Order will be on:

Date: April 13, 2021
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. Links for the meeting, including a phone call option, will be posted on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/

BACKGROUND

The City of Imperial (Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system (Facility) and provides sewerage service to a population of approximately 18,000 located in the City of Imperial as well as unincorporated communities in Imperial County.

The Facility has a treatment capacity of 2.4 million gallons per day (MGD). Raw wastewater from the City of Imperial reaches the Facility via two main conveyance lines: the "N" Line and the "15th Street" line to a central pump sump. The current wastewater treatment plant consists of an influent pumping station, grit chamber, anoxic basins, aeration basins, membrane bioreactor treatment train, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system, and sludge dewatering screw press, and drying beds. Dried biosolids are transported to a landfill following adequate drying. Final effluent is discharged through Discharge Point 001 at Latitude 32° 51' 18" North and Longitude 115° 33' 31" West, to the Dolson Drain, a tributary to the Alamo River via Lilac Drain and Rose Drain.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins **March 9, 2021** and ends **April 7, 2021**. Written comments on the proposed Order must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., **April 7, 2021**. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record. If written comments to the Colorado River Basin Water Board are not timely submitted, however, the Board Chair may refuse to accept such evidence or admit it into the administrative record unless the commenter can demonstrate why he or she was unable to timely submit the evidence, that compliance with the deadline would create an unreasonable hardship, or that allowing the evidence would not prejudice any party or the Colorado River Basin Water Board. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4.)

Comments should be mailed to the attention of Jose Valle de Leon at the address shown below or emailed to: Jose.ValledeLeon@Waterboards.ca.gov or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The full text of the current NPDES permit, Order R7-2015-0030, and the Proposed Order are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

If you need a hard copy of these orders mailed to you, please contact Mary Castaneda by phone at (760) 776-8945 or e-mail at mary.castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov.

HEARING PROCEDURE

Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the public hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. In addition, to ensure accuracy of the record, the Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Board staff before or during the hearing.

Interested persons are invited to 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. At the hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will follow the Meeting Procedures found on its website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.

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 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.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.