

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

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Public Notice 7-21-08  
January 22, 2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR CAENERGY OPERATING CORPORATION ET AL.  
REGION 1 SALTON SEA POWER PLANT UNITS 1-5  
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2021-0008**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) has prepared proposed Order R7-2021-0008 (Proposed Order) for the Region 1 Salton Sea Power Plant Units 1-5 operated by CalEnergy Operating Corporation (Facility), located between Highway 86 and 111 at the southern end of the Salton Sea. The Facility is owned by Salton Sea Power Generation Company, Salton Sea Power, LLC, Imperial Magma LLC, Magma Land Company, and Imperial Magma. The Facility includes an active, Class II surface impoundment Waste Management Unit (WMU) used to temporarily hold liquid geothermal waste before it is either recirculated through the Facility's process loop or reinjected to the geothermal reservoir.

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

Date: March 9, 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 Regional Water Board's [agenda website](#).

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments regarding this Proposed Order during the public comment period, which will begin on **January 22, 2020 to February 21, 2021**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Proposed Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **February 21, 2021**.

The Regional 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](mailto:zakary.owens@waterboards.ca.gov). Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or USB and mailed to:

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

### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

Copies of the Proposed Order are available on the “Tentative Orders” page of the Regional 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 Regional 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 Regional 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 Regional 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 Regional Water Board’s Meeting Procedures is available on the Regional Board’s [website](#).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Zakary Owens at (760) 776-8962 or via email at [Zakary.Owens@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Zakary.Owens@waterboards.ca.gov). Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.