

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

73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
Phone: (760) 346-7491

Public Notice No. 7-21-14  
June 1, 2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO  
WATERS OF THE STATE  
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2021-0016**

**ISSUED TO  
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT CONDUIT STRUCTURAL PROTECTION PROJECT**

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 R7-2020-0016 (Proposed Order) to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Permittee) for the Colorado River Aqueduct Conduit Structural Protection Project (Project). The Project site is located near the cities of Desert Hot Springs and Indio, unincorporated communities of Sky Valley and Chiriaco Summit, and unincorporated Riverside County, California. The Project is expected to impact waters of the state.

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: July 20, 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. In the event orders from the Governor of California change prior to the scheduled date of this meeting, the format of this meeting may change to also allow for in-person attendance at a physical meeting location (73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260). Persons desiring to receive notice about changes to the format of this meeting should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list by [Subscribing to our Electronic Mailing List](#) (Select Board Meetings Agenda).

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](#).

### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments on the Proposed Order during a 30-day public comment period, which begins **June 1, 2021**, and ends **June 30, 2021**. Written comments on the Proposed Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2021**.

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 Kai Dunn at [Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Kai.Dunn@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 Kai Dunn  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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 Regional Water Board's [website](#). If you need a hard copy of the Proposed Order mailed to you, please contact Mary Castaneda by phone at (760) 776-8945 or e-mail at: [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **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](mailto: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](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 Kai Dunn at 760) 776-8986 or via email at [Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov). Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

File: 7A333227001, Colorado River Aqueduct Conduit Structural Protection Project,  
Order R7-2021-0016