CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

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Public Notice No. 7-21-15 May 5, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE STATE PROPOSED ORDER R7-2021-0017

ISSUED TO MESA WIND POWER CORPORATION MESA WIND REPOWER 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 R7-2020-0017 (Proposed Order) for Mesa Wind Power Corporation (Permittee) for the Mesa Wind Repower Project (Project). The Project site is located in the San Gorgonio Pass on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), all in Riverside County, California. This Project will install eight new wind turbine generators (WTGs) to replace 460 old WTGs at the existing wind project to produce up to 30 megawatts (MW) of wind energy. 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: June 15, 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.

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 during a 30-day public comment period, which begins **May 5, 2021**, and ends **June 4, 2021**. Written comments on the Proposed Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2021**.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of Kai Dunn at the address shown below, emailed to: Kai.Dunn@Waterboards.ca.gov or faxed to the office at (760) 776-8986.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A copy of the Proposed Order is available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.html

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.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you are disabled and require special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 or by e-mail at hilda.Vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing. Individuals who require special accommodations or interpreter services to participate in this meeting, should contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or via email Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov at least ten (10) days prior the scheduled meeting to notify us that you will be utilizing these services.

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

File: 7A363029001, Mesa Wind Repower Project, Order R7-2021-0017