

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

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF
ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER NO. R7-2024-0012 FOR
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, OWNER/OPERATOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) Prosecution Team is releasing for public comment a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order (Settlement Agreement) between the Colorado River Basin Water Board Prosecution Team and Coachella Valley Water District (Discharger) to resolve alleged violations associated with a sanitary sewer overflow that occurred on September 22, 2020. Specifically, 156,639 gallons of untreated wastewater are alleged to have discharged from a manhole located south of Sherly Avenue, along Cook Street and into the dry Whitewater River Stormwater Channel. The Discharger was able to recover approximately 28,000 gallons with a vacuum truck, resulting in a net spill volume of 128,639 gallons.

The Settlement Agreement would require the Discharger to pay \$236,792.10 in administrative civil liability to the State Water Resources Control Board Cleanup and Abatement Account.

Pursuant to federal regulations, the Colorado River Basin Water Board is releasing the Settlement Agreement for public comment.

If no comments are received within thirty (30) days and no new material facts become available, the Executive Officer will consider the Settlement Agreement for adoption pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Water Board's delegation of authority. If, however, significant comments are received in opposition to the Settlement Agreement, the offer may be withdrawn and the matter may be set for hearing.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Additional information and relevant documents related to this matter may be reviewed online at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/public_notices/ or in person at the Colorado River Basin Water Board Office.

If you need a hard copy of the Settlement Agreement mailed to you, please contact Mary Castaneda by phone at (760) 776-8945 or e-mail at: Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Settlement Agreement during a 30-day public comment period, which begins **May 31, 2024** and ends **July 01, 2024**. Persons wishing to submit written comments are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **5:00 p.m., July 01, 2024**.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of Logan Raub at the address shown below, emailed to Michael.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Michael Perez at Michael.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov.