

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

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NPDES Permit CA0105015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
TENTATIVE ORDER R7-2026-0024**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2026-0024 (Tentative Order), which will serve as the reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number CA0105015 and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the following discharger and facility:

**CITY OF CALIPATRIA
(Discharger)**

**CALIPATRIA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
106 LINDSEY ROAD
CALIPATRIA – IMPERIAL COUNTY
(Facility)**

The City of Calipatria has applied for reissuance of the Calipatria Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit, previously issued per WDRs Order R7-2020-0010, issued pursuant to section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342), and pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

HEARING PARTICIPATION

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order at the date, time, and location specified below:

Date: November 10, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: San Geronio Pass Water Agency
1210 Beaumont Avenue
Beaumont, CA 92223

(virtual public participation available; see below)

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The public may participate either in person at the physical meeting location or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. Instructions concerning how to participate virtually are available on the Regional Water Board's website. Persons desiring to receive information about changes to the format of this meeting should subscribe to the [Lyris email 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 Board's website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/remote_meeting/#participation_via_video_conference).

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Board's [Meeting Procedures](#) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf).

BACKGROUND

The Discharger owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system (Facility) and provides service to a population of approximately 9,000 individuals located in the City of Calipatria, including the inmate population and staff members from the Calipatria State Prison. The permitted maximum daily flow limitation is equal to the design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant which is 1.73 MGD. The Facility is located at 106 Lindsey Road, Calipatria, CA 92233, Imperial County (SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 6, T12S, R14E, SBB&M).

Wastewater from the City of Calipatria and the Calipatria State Prison is collected at two lift stations. The Delta lift station receives all of the City's sewage and pumps it to the Facility through a 10-inch diameter, 2-mile long PVC force main. The lift station located at the Calipatria State Prison pumps sewage to the Facility through a 12-inch diameter, 2.5-mile long force main. The Delta lift station does not employ preliminary treatment before conveying the City's raw sewage to the Facility. The Prison's lift station is equipped with a comminutor and a rotating bar screen to remove large solids and floatable materials before conveying the Calipatria State Prison's raw sewage to the Facility.

The wastewater treatment plant consists of a four-cell aerated lagoon system. Treatment consists of removal of large solids and floatable materials by a comminutor and rotating bar screen at the Calipatria State Prison's lift station only (the City's lift station does not undergo preliminary treatment), clarification within the Facility's four aerated lagoon ponds operating in series, and disinfection with sodium hypochlorite and

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dechlorination with sodium bisulfite. To date, the Facility has not generated sufficient accumulated solids to warrant removal.

Wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to "G" Drain, a water of the United States, and tributary to the Alamo River.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a 30-day public comment period, which ends on **October 15, 2026**. Written comments on the proposed Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2026**. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record. Untimely written comments will not be accepted absent a showing of good cause and lack of prejudice to the parties.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of **Fatima Alrahem** at the address shown below or emailed to: Fatima.Alrahem@Waterboards.ca.gov or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Tentative Order has been posted to the Board's [Tentative Orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml) webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml).

To receive a physical copy by mail, contact **Mary Castaneda** at (760) 776-8945 or at Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov.

ACCESSIBILITY AND LANGUAGE NEEDS

Individuals who require special accommodations or interpreter services to participate in this meeting, please contact **Mary Castaneda** via email at Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting to notify us that you will be utilizing these services. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-(800) 735-2929 or voice line at 1-(800) 735-2922.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact **Fatima Alrahem** at (760) 313-1290 or Fatima.Alrahem@Waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

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