

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION REGARDING THE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Colorado River Basin Region Water Board's) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) to revise Chapter 4, Section H, "Septic Systems," of the Basin Plan, and to incorporate by reference the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Policy into the Basin Plan (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan Amendment was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Region Water Board on September 19, 2013, and is available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning/index.shtml.

The copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received via mail by contacting Jon Rokke at (760) 776-7959 or jrokke@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan Amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Colorado River Basin Region Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the State Water Board's agendas and meeting should subscribe to the State Water Board's electronic mailing list (under general topic "Board Meetings") at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 p.m., noon, on November 27, 2013**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Send comments to: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**), fax at (916) 341-5620, or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – R7 OWTS Implementation Program**".

Requirements for Submitting Comments (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 3779, subd. (f)):


The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the version of the Basin Plan amendment that was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Region Water Board.
2. If the Colorado River Basin Region Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Colorado River Basin Region Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Colorado River Basin Region Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Colorado River Basin Region Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Jon Rokke, Water Resources Control Engineer, Colorado River Basin Region Water Board, at (760) 776-8959 or (jrokke@waterboards.ca.gov), or Tom Vandenberg, Attorney, State Water Board, Office of Chief Counsel, at (916) 341-5195 or (tvandenberg@waterboards.ca.gov).

October 28, 2013

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board