

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR
PROPOSED CLEAN WATER ACT LISTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE 2018 CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED REPORT**

The Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board) will consider proposed listing recommendations for the 2018 California Integrated Report - Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters and Section 305(b) Surface Water Quality Assessment (2018 Integrated Report). The recommendations include proposed updates to the Clean Water Act section 303(d) list of impaired surface waters and the section 305(b) report on the condition of surface waters. All assessed waters are within the Colorado River Basin Region.

Clean Water Act sections 303(d) and 305(b) require states to assess the quality of their surface waters on a regular basis. The purpose of these assessments is to identify water bodies that are impaired and do not meet water quality standards. Colorado River Basin Water Board staff has prepared a Staff Report for consideration by the Colorado River Basin Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) that includes 303(d) listing recommendations, along with the technical rationale for these recommendations. The Colorado River Basin Water Board will consider adoption of a Resolution recommending these changes to the State Water Board for inclusion on the statewide 2018 Integrated Report, which must ultimately be approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will hold a workshop to discuss and solicit input on the recommendations contained in the Staff Report that will commence at the time and place below. Staff will provide an overview of key information and updates.

Date: October 10, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region Board Room
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

There may be a quorum of Colorado River Basin Water Board members present at the workshop; however, no Board action will be taken at the workshop.

At the workshop, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the Colorado River Basin Water Board may ask clarifying questions. The Board will provide an opportunity for interested persons to make oral presentations to the Board. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, oral presentations may be limited to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider approving the proposed listing recommendations for the 2018 Integrated Report contained in the Staff Report during a public hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: November 14, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City of El Centro Council Chambers
1275 West Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

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. Oral presentations may be limited to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair. Any person planning to make a presentation to the Colorado River Basin Water Board that requires the use of visual aids (such as overheads, slides, or video projector) should contact the assigned staff person to make arrangements before the meeting date in order to avoid unnecessary delays during the meeting.

More information about the Colorado River Basin Water Board's Meeting Procedures is available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's [website](#).

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Staff Report during a 30-day public comment period, which begins **October 1, 2019** and ends **October 30, 2019**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Staff Report are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **October 30, 2019**.

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 Nadim Shukry-Zeywar at Nadim.Shukry-Zeywar@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or USB and mailed to:

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Colorado River Basin Region
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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 Staff Report containing recommendations for the 2018 Integrated Report are available on the "Tentative Orders" page of the Colorado River Basin Water Board's [website](#). Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the Staff Report should contact Mary Castañeda at (760) 776-8945 or Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950.

ACCESSIBILITY

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 or via email at hilda.vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing. If you need interpreter services, please contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or via email 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 Rosalyn Fleming (Rosalyn.Fleming@waterboards.ca.gov, phone 760-776-8948) or Nadim Shukry-Zeywar (Nadim.Shukry-Zeywar@waterboards.ca.gov, phone 760-776-8942).

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.