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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN SALINITY CONTROL FORUM'S 2026 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SALINITY IN THE COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED** by the Colorado River Salinity Control Forum ("Forum") on the draft "2026 Review, Water Quality Standards for Salinity, Colorado River System," which the Forum approved to be released for public comment at its May 2026 meeting.

Following their 2026 triennial review process, the Forum again concludes that the numeric criteria are appropriate and recommends no changes. The Forum also finds that the plan of implementation is adequate for maintaining salinity concentrations below the numeric criteria through 2029, thus providing significant benefits to the Colorado River Basin. These findings and conclusions are analyzed in the Forum's draft report, titled, "2026 Review, Water Quality Standards for Salinity, Colorado River System."

The draft document is available for review at: [coloradoriversalinity.org](https://coloradoriversalinity.org).

#### Submission of Written Comments

Persons interested in commenting are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on August 15, 2026**.

Written comments can be submitted by email at [dbarnett@barnettwater.com](mailto:dbarnett@barnettwater.com) or mail to:

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Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter— The Forum's 2026 Colorado River Salinity Standard Triennial Review**".

#### **Background**

In 1973, the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming (referred to as the seven basin states) established the Forum. The Forum was tasked with interstate cooperation and providing the states with the necessary information to comply with the federal Clean Water Act. The Forum proposed salinity standards for the Colorado River and a plan of implementation designed to achieve the objectives in 1975. These standards were then adopted by the states and subsequently

approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. California's Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin includes the same salinity water quality standards and program of implementation.

Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality standards be reviewed at least once every three years and revised as appropriate. The water quality standards for salinity control in the Colorado River consist of two components: the numeric criteria (referred to as water quality objectives in California) and the plan of implementation. No changes have been made to the numeric criteria since their adoption by the seven basin states in 1975 and subsequent approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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