

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

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Public Notice 7-19-16
March 5, 2019

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR IN-SITU GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION AT SITES
WITHIN THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION
TENTATIVE ORDER R7-2019-0016**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) has prepared tentative Order R7-2019-0016, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for In-Situ Groundwater Remediation at Sites Within the Colorado River Basin Region* (General Order).

A common method of cleanup of groundwater pollution in the Colorado River Basin Region is *in-situ* remediation, which involves the addition of chemicals and/or other reactive materials (amendments) into soil and groundwater (*in-situ*), via chemical, biological, or physical treatment systems to promote groundwater remediation. This includes discharge of amendments directly to the groundwater, as well as amendments added to extracted groundwater through a groundwater recirculation system.

Currently, individual, site-specific waste discharge requirements (WDRs) are issued by the Regional Water Board to regulate *in-situ* groundwater remediation projects. The Regional Water Board proposes to adopt General WDRs to expedite cleanup by streamlining the permitting process for *in situ* remediation projects within the region.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative General Order during a public hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: April 11, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Water Board Room
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. The Regional 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.

At the hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will follow the Meeting Procedures found on its website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments regarding the tentative General Order during the thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins **March 5, 2019** and ends **April 4, 2019**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the tentative General Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **April 4, 2019**. Written comments may be faxed to the Regional Water Board office at (760) 341-6820. Mailed written comments should be sent to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
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Palm Desert, CA 92260
Attn: Ms. Phan Le

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Copies of the tentative General Order are available on the Regional Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_decisions/. Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the tentative General Order should contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. Please be advised that ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the Board meeting at which the tentative General Order is scheduled for Board action. For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on **March 28, 2019**. If the Regional Water Board does not take action on April 11, 2019, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Chair, or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the Board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 or voice line at 1 (800) 735-2922. 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.

STAFF CONTACT

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Phan Le at (760) 776-8974.

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