

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

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NOTICE OF STAFF-LEVEL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**In the Matter of
General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from
Irrigated Agricultural Lands for Dischargers that Are Members of a Coalition Group
in Bard Valley, Imperial County
Tentative Order R7-2019-XXXX**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) will hold a staff-level public informational workshop regarding the above-referenced matter as follows:

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Time: 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.
Location: Bard Community Center
1250 Bard Road
Winterhaven, CA 92283

BACKGROUND

Board staff has prepared tentative Order R7-2019-XXXX, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Agricultural Lands for Dischargers that Are Members of a Coalition Group in Bard Valley, Imperial County* (Tentative Order). The Tentative Order proposes to regulate owners and/or operators of irrigated agricultural lands (Dischargers) in Bard Valley—specifically, in the geographical area known as the “Bard Unit” of the Reservation Division of the United States Bureau of Reclamation’s Yuma Project—that discharge waste that may impact the quality of the waters of the state. The Tentative Order also would establish substantive and procedural requirements for third-party representatives of the Dischargers formed to assist with compliance with the order (Coalition Groups). A copy of the Tentative Order is posted at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board has scheduled a Board public workshop to discuss and solicit input on the Tentative Order on May 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the City of Blythe Council Chambers, 235 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225. The Colorado River Basin Water Board has also scheduled a public hearing to consider adopting the Tentative Order on June 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Hi-Desert Water District, 55439 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. The thirty-day public comment period began on **April 24, 2019** and ends **May 24, 2019**.

PURPOSE AND FORMAT OF MEETING

The purpose of this staff-level public informational workshop, which will be held on May 21, 2019 in Winterhaven, is to provide affected stakeholders with an additional opportunity to learn about the Tentative Order and to provide comments to staff and ask questions about the Tentative Order.

The meeting will be led by staff and informal. It will not be recorded. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on the Tentative Order at the staff-level public informational workshop; however, staff requests that those persons wishing to speak at the meeting provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the meeting, as only written comments will be included in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.

Those persons wishing to address the Colorado River Basin Water Board directly should attend the Board public workshop on May 15, 2019 or the public hearing on June 13, 2019.

STAFF CONTACT

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