

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

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NPDES No. CA0104477

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs)
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2020-0007**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment proposed Order R7-2020-0007, which will serve as an NPDES permit and WDRs for the Valley Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant. The following discharger has applied for reissuance of the current NPDES permit, Order R7-2015-0002, under section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act NPDES permit program (33 U.S.C. § 1342):

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
45500 VAN BUREN ST, INDIO, CA 92201
INDIO – RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

Staff of the Colorado River Basin Water Board has prepared proposed Order R7-2020-0007 for the above discharger containing effluent and receiving water limitations and special provisions in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code, § 13000 et seq.). The public hearing to consider adoption of the Proposed Order will be on:

Date: March 5, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City of Temecula Conference Center
4100 Main Street
Temecula, CA 92590

BACKGROUND

Valley Sanitary District (Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system (Facility) and provides service to a population of approximately 76,000 located in the City of Indio as well as portions of the City of Coachella and unincorporated communities in Riverside County. The Facility consists of two separate treatment systems: 1) an activated sludge treatment system and 2) an oxidation pond system.

Treated effluent from each treatment system (i.e., activated sludge and oxidation ponds) is chlorinated in separate chlorine contact tanks. The chlorinated effluent from each chlorine contact tank is then combined and dechlorinated with the addition of sodium bisulfite prior to discharge into the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins January 30, 2020, and ends February 28, 2020. Written comments on the proposed Board Order must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., February 28, 2020. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record. If written comments to the Colorado River Basin Water Board are not timely submitted, however, the Board Chair may refuse to accept such evidence or admit it into the administrative record unless the commenter can demonstrate why he or she was unable to timely submit the evidence, that compliance with the deadline would create an unreasonable hardship, or that allowing the evidence would not prejudice any party or the Colorado River Basin Water Board. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4.)

Comments should be mailed to the attention of Jose Valle de Leon at the address shown below or jose.valledeleon@waterboards.ca.gov or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The full text of the current NPDES permit, Order R7-2015-0002, and the tentative revised NPDES permit are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

If you need a hard copy of these orders mailed to you, please contact Mary Castaneda by phone at (760) 776-8945 or e-mail at mary.castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov.

HEARING PROCEDURE

Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the public hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. In addition, to ensure accuracy of the record, the Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Board staff before or during the hearing.

Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. In order to have adequate time for the presentations by Board staff, however, comments from the public will be limited to

three (3) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let Board staff know before speaking so that the presentation can be appropriately scheduled at the hearing. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

More information about the Colorado River Basin Water Board's Meeting Procedures is available at:

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

ACCESSIBILITY

If you are disabled and require special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 or e-mail at hvasquez@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.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

File: 7A 33 0122 021, Valley Sanitary District WWTP, Board Order R7-2020-0007