

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
TENTATIVE ORDER R7-2020-0020**

**SHORT TERM RENEWAL OF ORDER R7-2014-0046  
CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES OF WASTE FROM DRAIN  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES ORIGINATING WITHIN THE  
COACHELLA VALLEY**

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared tentative Order R7-2020-0020, *Short Term Renewal of Order R7-2014-0046, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Waste from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating Within the Coachella Valley* (Tentative Order).

Agricultural waste discharges in the Coachella Valley are currently regulated by Order R7-2014-0046, *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Waste from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating Within the Coachella Valley* (2014 Conditional Waiver), which was previously renewed for one year by Order R7-2019-0049. Colorado River Basin Water Board staff is developing general waste discharge requirements to replace the 2014 Conditional Waiver, but it will not be complete before the 2014 Conditional Order expires on June 26, 2020.

The Tentative Order renews the 2014 Conditional Waiver for an additional period of six months, until December 26, 2020, but does not modify any other terms of the waiver.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the Tentative Order during a public hearing that will commence at the following date and time, by **video and teleconference only**:

**Date:** June 24, 2020 (**Revised**)  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video and  
Teleconference

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, the June 24, 2020 Board meeting will occur solely via remote presence. Links for the meeting, including a phone call option, will be posted on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Agendas](#).

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.

At the hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will follow the Meeting Procedures found on its website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Meeting Procedures](#).

### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

Copies of the Tentative Order and the 2014 Conditional Waiver are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Tentative Orders](#).

Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the Tentative Order or the 2014 Conditional Waiver should contact Mary Castañeda at (760) 776-8945.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Tentative Order during a thirty-day public comment period, which begins **April 27, 2020** and ends **May 27, 2020**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **May 27, 2020**.

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 Jennie Snyder at [Jennie.Snyder@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jennie.Snyder@waterboards.ca.gov). Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or portable USB drive and mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control  
Board Colorado River Basin Region  
c/o Jennie Snyder  
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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.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS**

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting. 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](mailto: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 Jennie Snyder at [Jennie.Snyder@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jennie.Snyder@waterboards.ca.gov); or phone: 760-776-8936.

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