

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2020-0022**

**AMENDMENT TO ORDER R7-2019-0030
GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF
WASTE FROM IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL LANDS FOR DISCHARGERS
THAT ARE MEMBERS OF A COALITION GROUP IN PALO VERDE VALLEY
AND PALO VERDE MESA, IMPERIAL AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES**

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared proposed Order R7-2020-0022 (Proposed Order), which amends Order R7-2019-0030, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Agricultural Lands for Dischargers that Are Members of a Coalition Group in Palo Verde Valley and Palo Verde Mesa, Imperial and Riverside Counties* (Palo Verde Agricultural General Order).

The Proposed Order extends the submittal dates in the 2019 Palo Verde Agricultural General Order for electronic Notice of Intentions (e-NOIs) for a period of 16.5 months until January 1, 2021, for Water Quality Management Plans (Farm Plans) for a period of 11 months until February 1, 2021, and the Farm Plan Summary for a period of 12 months until March 1, 2021. The Proposed Order does not modify any other terms of the Palo Verde Agricultural General Order.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the Proposed 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 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 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

A copy of the Proposed Order is available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Tentative Orders](#). A copy of the 2019 Palo Verde Agricultural General Order is available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Adopted Orders](#).

Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the Proposed Order or the 2019 Palo Verde Agricultural General Order should contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Proposed Order during a thirty-day public comment period, which begins **April 23, 2020** and ends **May 22, 2020**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Proposed Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **May 22, 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 Francisco Costa at Francisco.Costa@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or portable USB drive and mailed to:

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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 at least 10 working days prior to the meeting.

STAFF CONTACT

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Francisco Costa Francisco.Costa@waterboards.ca.gov; or phone: 760-776-8937.

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