

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

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Public Notice No. 7-24-17
Notice Date: May 17, 2024
NPDES No. CAG997001

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2024-XXXX**

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative General Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2024-XXXX (Tentative Order R7-2024-XXXX), which will serve as the reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number CAG997001 and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the following discharges:

LOW THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS

The staff of the Colorado River Basin Water Board has prepared Tentative Order R7-2024-XXXX for the above activity 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 Division 7 of the California Water Code, commencing with Section 13000.

HEARING PARTICIPATION

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of Tentative General Order R7-2024-XXXX at the date, time and location specified below:

Date: July 9, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region Board Room
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
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The public may participate either in person at the physical meeting location or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. Instructions concerning how to participate virtually are available on the Regional Water Board's website. Persons desiring to receive information about changes to the format of this meeting should subscribe to the [Lyris email list](#) (Select Board Meetings Agenda).

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. If the presentation may take longer than three (3) minutes, please let Board staff know before speaking so

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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. Links for the meeting, a phone call option, and [Remote Participation Instructions](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/remote_meeting/#participation_via_video_conference) are posted on the Board's website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/remote_meeting/#participation_via_video_conference).

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Board's [Meeting Procedures](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf).

BACKGROUND

Low threat discharges are planned, short-term, or reduced volume discharges that require minimal treatment and are controlled to eliminate or reduce pollutants. Low threat discharges permitted by this General Order must not contain pollutants in concentrations above water quality standards. The Colorado River Basin Water Board previously adopted Board Order R7-2015-0006 in October 2015, permitting discharges of low threat wastewater by individuals, public agencies, and private businesses. Tentative Order R7-2024-XXXX updates and replaces existing Board Order R7-2015-0006, except for enforcement purposes.

Assembly Bill 2108 (AB2108), approved by the Governor on September 16, 2022, amended the Water Code, and set new public outreach requirements for proposed permits, such as, the revised General Order. The Colorado River Basin Water Board is reaching out to potentially impacted disadvantaged and tribal communities to identify issues of environmental justice in our permitting processes.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which ends on **June 17, 2024**. Written comments on the Tentative Order R7-2024-XXX must be received no later than **5:00 p.m.**, on **June 17, 2024**. 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.) Written materials or other documents submitted at the Colorado River Basin Water Board hearing must be provided first to Board counsel, who will advise the Board regarding acceptance of these documents into the record.

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JULY 9, 2024

COMMENT DEADLINE
June 17, 2024

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Comments should be mailed to the attention of **Logan Raub** at the address shown below or emailed to logan.raub@waterboards.ca.gov or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Tentative Order R7-2024-XXX has been posted to the Board's Tentative Orders webpage

(www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml).

To receive a physical copy by mail, contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or at Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov.

ACCESSIBILITY AND LANGUAGE NEEDS

Individuals who require special accommodations or interpreter services to participate in this public hearing, please contact **Mary Castaneda** no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing to notify us that you will be utilizing these services.

File: Low Threat General Order R7-2015-0006