
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION TO REVISE THE SEPTIC TANK PROHIBITION FOR THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY – SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Colorado River Basin Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) to revise the septic tank prohibition for the Town of Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County. The amendment revises Chapter 4, Section II.H.2.iii. of the Basin Plan by extending and streamlining prohibition deadlines, revising the number of deferred parcels, incorporating a compliance period, adding compliance date extensions for recently installed septic systems, requiring advanced treatment units for new and replacement septic systems on exempt parcels, revising reporting requirements, and modifying other language for clarity, accuracy, and consistency.

The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board on June 15, 2021 (Resolution R7-2021-0028) and is available for review at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2021/2021_0028yv_amendment_res_adopted.pdf

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Maria Davydova-Flores at maria.davydova-flores@waterboards.ca.gov or (760) 776-8947.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving this Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to the State Water Board's [email subscription service](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html) located at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html.

On this webpage under the “General Interests” category check the box for “Board Meetings,” provide your email address and name, then click on the “subscribe” button. The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by postal mail must submit such request to the Colorado River Basin Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on November 1, 2021**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, “**Comment Letter – Colorado River Basin Yucca Valley Prohibition Basin Plan Amendment.**”

If you would like a copy of any or all of the written comments submitted on this subject, please send a request to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, identifying the subject listed above. Written comments will not be available until after the comment deadline.


REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board.
2. If the Colorado River Basin Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Colorado River Basin Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Colorado River Basin Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Colorado River Basin Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Maria Davydova-Flores at (760) 776-8947 or maria.davydova-flores@waterboards.ca.gov; or Katharine Buddingh, Staff Counsel, at (916) 440-7769 or katharine.buddingh@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 28, 2021

Date



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Clerk to the Board