

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

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
ON NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR
SCHAFFNER DAIRY
Holtville – Imperial County**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) will now accept comments on the proposed Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) submitted on July 16, 2009, by Schaffner Dairy. The proposed NMP describes Schaffner Dairy's plan for implementing requirements of the discharge permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program (33 U.S.C. § 1342), Board Order R7-2008-0800.

The proposed NMP is available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/public_notices/

Under the Year 2009, select the Public Notice No. 7-09-26 and click the hyperlink for the Nutrient Management Plan.

Interested parties are advised that the full text of the current NPDES permit, Board Order R7-2008-0800, is available on the Regional Water Board's web site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/. Under the heading of "Board Orders", select "General Board Orders," then Order R7-2008-0800.

If you need a hard copy of this order or the NMP mailed to you, please contact Hilda Vasquez by phone at (760) 776-8950 or via email at hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins July 31, 2009, and ends August 31, 2009. Persons wishing to submit comments on the NMP are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than August 31, 2009, so that they may be given sufficient consideration. Comments should be mailed to the attention of Jose Figueroa-Acevedo at the address shown below or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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If there is no objection after the public review and comment period, the Executive Officer will issue an authorization letter to the Discharger making the approved NMP an enforceable part of the Board Order.

If a written request for a hearing on the NMP is received within the 30-day public review and comment period, which includes the reason(s) the hearing is being requested (e.g., why the NMP is inadequate), the item will be placed on the next available Regional Water Board meeting agenda. Because of the need to comply with certain minimum noticing requirements, placement of this item on the agenda will be at least thirty (30) days from the date when a hearing is requested plus the additional time necessary to follow the administrative procedures involved in preparing for the meeting.

If possible, the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff will attempt to resolve the issues of concern by arranging a meeting with the applicant and the interested person(s) requesting the hearing. If an agreement is reached in the meeting, a hearing may not be required. If the agreement reached requires significant changes to be made to the NMP, however, a new public notice and comment period will be required. If an agreement is not reached with the interested person(s) requesting the hearing, the hearing will proceed as scheduled. After testimony is taken at the hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will decide whether permit coverage shall commence or whether the NMP needs to be revised.

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