

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

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December 13, 2011

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
BOARD ORDER R7-2012-0005**

The following discharger has requested Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the drilling of six exploratory geothermal wells with accompanying mud sumps/containment basins north of the town of Niland, Imperial County.

**HUDSON RANCH POWER II, LLC, OWNER
ENGH FARMS GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION PROJECT
South West of Niland – Imperial County**

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board), prepared proposed WDRs, Board Order R7-2012-0005, for the above discharger. The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed WDRs during its regular Board meeting, which is scheduled as follows:

Date: January 19, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
Board Room
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The Regional Water Board will accept comments during a thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins December 13, 2011, and ends January 13, 2012. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the proposed WDRs are requested to do so by January 13, 2012, so that they may be given sufficient consideration. Comments should be mailed to the attention of Doug Wylie at the address shown below or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the public hearing. Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Regional Water Board Secretary. In order to have adequate time for the presentation by Regional Water Board staff, however, comments from the public will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let staff know before speaking so 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. To ensure accuracy of the record, the Regional Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to staff before or during the hearing.

Copies of the proposed WDRs, Board Order No. R7-2012-0005, are available on the Regional Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/. Please click on "Tentative Orders" and "Current Year: 2011," and then scroll down to the subject proposed Board Order number.

Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the proposed revision should contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 or via e-mail at hvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you are disabled and require special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.

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