

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

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Public Notice 7-13-38
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
RESOLUTION NO. R7-2013-0049
AMENDING THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
REGARDING THE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on, and consider adoption of, a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region, regarding an implementation program for onsite wastewater treatment systems. Proposed Resolution No. R7-2013-0049 would amend the Basin Plan by incorporating the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy) adopted on June 19, 2012, by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the Resolution during a Public Hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: September 19, 2013
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region, Board Room
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Copies of the proposed resolution, associated staff report, text of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, and other relevant documents are available on the Internet at: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning/index.shtml. These documents are also available by request at the office of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board. You may also request a mailed copy of these documents by contacting Jon Rokke at 760-776-8959 or jrokke@waterboards.ca.gov.

Because this amendment is completely within the scope of the environmental review conducted by the State Water Board when it prepared Substitute Environmental Documentation for the OWTS Policy, the recommended action does not require any further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code § 21166; Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§ 15161 & 15163), or the Water Boards' CEQA-exempt certified regulatory basin planning program (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.5; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15251(g); tit. 23, §§ 3720-3781).

At the conclusion of the hearing the Regional Water Board will consider approval of the proposed resolution amending the Basin Plan.

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments regarding this Tentative Board Order during a forty-five (45) day public comment period, which begins July 29, 2013 and ends September 12, 2013. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than September 12, 2013. Written comments may be faxed to the Regional Water Board offices at (760) 341-6820. Mailed written comments should be sent to the following address:

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Written comments and evidence submitted after September 12, 2013, will not be accepted into the record, unless allowed by the chair of the Regional Water Board. Comments and evidence received by this date will be considered in preparation of staff recommendations to the Regional Water Board. Also, an opportunity for oral comments will be provided at the hearing, although time limits may be imposed by the Board. Please note that all exhibits, charts, graphs, and other testimony timely presented as evidence must be left with the Regional Water Board as part of the administrative record. If you have any questions regarding these documents or the proposed actions, please contact Jon Rokke at 760-776-8959 or jrokke@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please bring this information to the attention of anyone you know to be interested in this issue.

Any person who is disabled and requires 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. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Jon Rokke at (760) 776-8959.