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Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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To: Interested Persons

PUBLIC NOTICE

2014 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board), is reviewing its Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) pursuant to section 13240 of the California Water Code and section 303(c)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. section 1313(c)(1)). The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for ground and surface waters in the Colorado River Basin Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect those beneficial uses.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board is responsible for reviewing the Basin Plan at a minimum every three years, hence the term "Triennial Review," and is required to: 1) identify those portions of the Basin Plan which are in need of modification or new additions; 2) adopt standards as appropriate; and 3) recognize those portions of the Basin Plan which are appropriate as written. The review includes public hearings to allow the public to identify issues for the Board to consider for incorporation into its Basin Plan. After public input is received, the Board evaluates if Basin Plan revisions are needed, and develops and adopts by resolution a priority list and schedule for consideration of needed Basin Plan revisions for the next three year period. The Board submits its Triennial Review to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their respective reviews.

Colorado River Basin Water Board staff is commencing the 2014 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan. Interested persons and stakeholders are invited to submit their recommendations for issues or projects that should be considered during the 2014 Triennial Review. Recommendations must be submitted to staff as identified below by close of business, December 30, 2014.

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The 2014 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan will be conducted over the course of the 2014-2015 State Fiscal Year, culminating in a hearing before the Colorado River Basin Water Board by June 2015. Board staff will consider the comments and recommendations received in writing from interested persons and stakeholders in preparing a draft staff report that identifies the issues and priorities that should be under review.

A second Public Notice will be provided to give the public the opportunity to review and comment on the draft staff report, the proposed list of priorities, which will incorporate the comments and recommendations received from interested persons and stakeholders pursuant to this Public Notice, and a draft resolution for Board consideration of adoption. This second Public Notice, and associated documents, will be posted for public review and comment at least 30 days prior to the scheduled hearing date, which will be announced at that time.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

To obtain the most current information on the Triennial Review process, please contact us by:

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Triennial Review documents also may be reviewed by appointment at the Colorado River Basin Water Board office at the above address.


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