

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

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NPDES Permit CA0105007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2023-0002**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2023-0002 (Tentative Order), which will serve as the reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number CA0105007 and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for following discharger and facility:

CITY OF WESTMORLAND
(Discharger)

WESTMORLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
5305 MARTIN ROAD
WESTMORLAND – IMPERIAL COUNTY
(Facility)

City of Westmorland (Discharger) has applied for reissuance of the Westmorland Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) NPDES Permit, previously issued per WDRs Order R7-2017-0017, which is issued pursuant to section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342), and pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

HEARING PARTICIPATION

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order at the date, time and location specified below:

Date: March 14, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, California 92260
(virtual public participation available; see below)

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The public may participate either in person at the physical meeting location or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. Instructions concerning how to participate virtually are available on the Regional Water Board's website. Persons desiring to receive information about changes to the format of this meeting should subscribe to the [Lyris email list](#) (Select Board Meetings Agenda).

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that those persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing to ensure accuracy of the record. Links for the meeting, a phone call option, and [Remote Participation Instructions](#) are posted on the Board's website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/remote_meeting/#participation_via_video_conference).

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Board's [Meeting Procedures](#) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf).

BACKGROUND

The Discharger owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system (Facility) that provides sewerage service to the City of Westmorland and surrounding areas, which has a service population of approximately 2,400. The wastewater treatment plant has a treatment (design) capacity of 0.5 MGD and is located in the SW ¼ of Section 4, T13S, R13E, SBB&M.

Flow from the end of the collection system to the treatment plant is gravity-fed. The collection system includes one wet well and two pumps with a capacity of 600 gallons per minute (gpm). The Facility maintains another pump as a backup. The headworks system includes a sewage grinder, a sewage pump station, a cyclone unit (for grit removal), and an influent flow meter. The influent station does not include screening. Flow from the headworks is conveyed to an oxidation ditch for activated sludge generation. Following the oxidation ditch, wastewater is directed to a distribution box that conveys flow to one of two 28-foot secondary clarifiers (one clarifier operates for approximately 6 months before alternating to the other clarifier). Following treatment in the secondary clarifiers, flow is sent through one of two chlorine contact basins, one of which is on stand-by. The Facility disinfects wastewater using sodium hypochlorite for chlorination and sodium bisulfite for dechlorination. Following disinfection, effluent is discharged through Discharge Point 001. The Facility does not accept recreational vehicle (RV) waste.

Return activated sludge (RAS) and waste activated sludge (WAS) are pumped from the two secondary clarifiers to one of four RAS/WAS pumps (only one pump is used at a time).

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The Facility includes six sludge drying beds, one of which is dedicated to scum removed from the secondary clarifiers. The drying bed dedicated to solids removal contains a drain that is connected to the plant headworks. Sludge is dried on-site for one year and dried solids are transferred to a 40-cubic yard storage container for removal off-site. Dried solids are tested prior to removal from the Facility. Final disposal of biosolids is at the Imperial County Landfill.

Wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to Trifolium Drain No. 6, a water of the United States.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a 30-day public comment period, which ends on **February 24, 2023**. Written comments on the proposed Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2023**. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of **Fatima Alrahem** at the address shown below or emailed to: Fatima.Alrahem@Waterboards.ca.gov or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Tentative Order has been posted to the Board's [Tentative Orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml) webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml).

To receive a physical copy by mail, contact either **Mary Castaneda** at (760) 776-8945 or Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov, or **CJ Jasieniecki** at (760) 346-7494 or CJ.Jasieniecki@waterboards.ca.gov

ACCESSIBILITY AND LANGUAGE NEEDS

Individuals who require special accommodations or interpreter services to participate in this meeting, please contact Mary Castaneda via email at Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting to notify us that you will be utilizing these services. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-(800) 735- 2929 or voice line at 1-(800) 735-2922.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact **Fatima Alrahem** at (760) 313-1290 or Fatima.Alrahem@Waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

File: WDID No. 7A130112012, Westmorland Wastewater Treatment Plant, Board Order R7-2023-0002

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