

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

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Public Notice 7-22-14  
March 1, 2022

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER  
R7-2022-0012**

On February 22, 2022, the Assistant Executive Officer of the Colorado River Basin Water Board (Regional Water Board) signed proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R7-2022-0012 (Stipulated Order) to Desert Water Agency (Discharger), Owner/Operator of the Desert Water Agency Collection System, to resolve the discharge of untreated wastewater from the collection system to waters of the United States at Whitewater River without a formal enforcement proceeding.

The Discharger and Colorado River Basin Water Board Prosecution Team (collectively, Parties) have entered into a tentative settlement to resolve the violations alleged in the proposed Stipulated Order. As a result, the Parties have agreed to settle the matter and intend to recommend to the Colorado River Basin Water Board at the April Board Meeting, that it adopt the proposed Stipulated Order under Water Code section 13323 and Government Code section 11415.60. The Prosecution Team believes that the resolution of the alleged violations is fair and reasonable and fulfills the Prosecution Team's enforcement objectives, that no further action is warranted concerning the specific violations, and that the proposed Stipulated Order is in the public's best interest.

Accordingly, to resolve the alleged violations by consent and without further administrative proceedings, the Parties have agreed to the final imposition of an administrative civil liability against the Discharger in the amount of \$181,947. Additional details concerning this proposed settlement are described in the proposed Stipulated Order. The settlement is contingent on Colorado River Basin Water Board approval.

If no significant comments are received in opposition to the settlement within the 30-day comment period and no new material facts become available to the Colorado River Basin Water Board, the proposed Stipulated Order will be presented to the Board and its Executive Officer for approval.

Date: April 12, 2022  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
(with virtual public participation available)

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 notice about changes to the format of this meeting should sign up for the Lyris e-mail list by [Subscribing to our Electronic Mailing 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 Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Remote Participation Instructions](#).

At the hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will follow the Meeting Procedures found on its website at: [Colorado River Basin Water Board Meeting Procedures](#).

#### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Proposed Order during a 30-day public comment period, which begins **March 1, 2022** and ends **March 31, 2022**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Proposed Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **March 31, 2022**.

The Regional Water Board has implemented an electronic records management system to reduce paper consumption and improve overall accessibility to records and documents. To submit comments electronically, please convert the signed original documents to Portable Document Format (PDF) and submit via email to Reginald Tan at [reginald.tan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:reginald.tan@waterboards.ca.gov). Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or USB and mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Mailed written comments may be sent to the address above. Written comments may also be faxed to the Regional Water Board office at (760) 341-6820.

#### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

Copies of the Proposed Order are available on the "Tentative Orders" page of the Regional Water Board's [website](#). Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the Proposed Order should contact Mary Castañeda at (760) 776-8945 or Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 or via email at [hilda.vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hilda.vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing. If you need interpreter services, please contact Mary Castañeda at (760) 776-8945 or via email [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 10 working days prior to the meeting.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Reggie Tan at (760) 776-8944 or via email [reginald.tan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:reginald.tan@waterboards.ca.gov).

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.