

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

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NPDES Permit CA0104264

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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-XXXX (Tentative Order), which will serve as the reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number CA0104264 and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the following discharger and facility:

COUNTRY LIFE MHRVP ASSET PARTNERS, L.P.
(Discharger)

**COUNTRY LIFE MOBILE HOME AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK (MHRVP)
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
375 EAST ROSS ROAD
EL CENTRO – IMPERIAL COUNTY**
(Facility)

Country Life MHRVP Asset Partners, L.P. (Discharger) has applied for reissuance of the Country Life Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Park (MHRVP) Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) NPDES Permit, previously issued per WDRs Order R7-2018-0010, 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: October 10, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, California 92260
(virtual public participation available; see below)

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 (the Facility) and provides service to a population of approximately 600 individuals residing at the Mobile Home and RV Park located in the town of El Centro. The permitted maximum daily flow limitation is equal to the design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant which is 0.15 MGD. The Facility is located in the NE ¼ of Section 10, T16S, R14E, SBB&M. The discharge from the Facility consists of disinfected secondary treated wastewater.

The treatment plant is an extended aeration package plant. Wastewater is conveyed from the mobile home and RV park by gravity into a series of two lift stations that pump collected wastewater to the Facility for secondary treatment. Wastewater pumped to the Facility passes through a manual bar rack, into a primary aeration basin, followed by a re-aeration basin, then into a clarifier located in the center of the package plant. Return activated sludge from the clarifier is pumped into the re-aeration phase of the plant. Waste activated sludge from the clarifier is pumped to a sludge digester section of the package plant. Clarifier wastewater effluent is treated by gravel filtration. The gravel filter is backwashed once per day and the backwash is recycled to the headworks. Periodically, gravel is added to replace a small amount lost during the backwash and operation. Once or twice each year, staff completely exchange the gravel. Following the backwash, wastewater undergoes ultraviolet (UV) disinfection. The UV system is inspected and cleaned twice per year.

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Sludge from the digester is discharged to two on-site sludge drying beds. The Discharger installed a berm around the sludge drying beds. Dried sludge is disposed of at the CR&R Inc. landfill located in El Centro, California.

Wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to the Alder Drain, a water of the United States. The Alder Drain carries the discharge from the Facility to the Central Drain, which flows for approximately 10 miles before entering the Alamo River at a point approximately 38 miles upstream of the Salton Sea.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a 30-day public comment period, which ends on **September 22, 2023**. Written comments on the proposed Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on September 22, 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 .

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. 7A131001011, Country Life Mobile Home and R.V. Park Wastewater Treatment Plant, Board Order R7-2023-XXXX