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Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGIONAL BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 17, 2013

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

The primary duty of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board or Board) is to protect the quality of the waters within the region for all beneficial uses. This duty is implemented by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water basins and by prescribing and enforcing requirements on all domestic and industrial waste discharges. Specific responsibilities and procedures of the Colorado River Basin Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board are specified in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (commencing with Section 13000 of the California Water Code) and implementing regulations in Titles 23 and 27 of the California Code of Regulations.

The purpose of the Board public meeting is for the Board to obtain testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the information received. Persons who want to submit written comments or evidence on any agenda item must comply with the Board's **Meeting Procedures**. These procedures can be viewed at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf. Persons wishing to speak at the meeting should complete a speaker request card and provide it to staff. You may also wish to sign in on the attendance sheet that will be provided. Although signing in is voluntary, we appreciate knowing who attended to help us evaluate the level of public interest.

The Board and staff welcome information on pertinent problems, but comments at the meeting should be brief and directed to specifics. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only a summary of pertinent points presented verbally.

During the public forum part of the meeting, any member of the public may address the Board and ask questions relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda, and the presentation should normally be limited to three (3) minutes. If the matter should appropriately be included within an item that is listed on the agenda, the presentation to the Board should be made at the time that the particular item is taken up by the Board.

It is the policy of the State and Regional Water Boards to discourage the introduction of surprise testimony and exhibits. Therefore, pursuant to Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (hereafter Title 23), Section 648.4, the Board may refuse to admit into evidence written testimony pertaining to agenda items if it is not submitted to the Board in a timely manner, and

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shall refuse to do so where there is a showing of prejudice to any party or the Board. This rule may be modified where a party demonstrates that compliance would create severe hardship.

All items appearing under the "Uncontested Items" calendar will be acted upon by the Board in one motion **without discussion**. Should any Board Member or other person request that any item be considered separately, that item will be taken up at a time as determined by the Board Chair.

Details concerning these agenda items are available for public reference during normal working hours at the Board's office. The staff will assist in answering questions. Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the order indicated.

The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Persons applying for, or actively opposing, Waste Discharge Requirements or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits being considered by the Board must comply with legal requirements if they or their agents have contributed, or propose to contribute, more than \$250 to a Board member for an election campaign. Contact the Board office for details if you believe that you fall into this category.

Any person adversely affected by a decision of the Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to review the decision. The petition must be received by the State Water Resources Control Board within thirty (30) days of the Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the laws regarding the filing of petitions will be provided upon request to the Board, or may be obtained on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/index.shtml.

Board agendas and copies of the items to be considered by the Board may be downloaded from the Board's Website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/index.shtml.

Board-approved minutes are posted at the Board's Website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/board_minutes/

A listing of pending applications for Water Quality Certifications, pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, may be obtained from the Board's Website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/401_certification/ or by calling Jay Mirpour at (760) 776-8981.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

1. [Minutes of November 15, 2012 Meeting and Workshop](#)

PUBLIC FORUM

2. Any person may address the Colorado River Basin Water Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this Meeting agenda. **Comments will generally be limited to three (3) minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Board Chair.** Members of the public may also address the Board from noticed telephonic location(s), if any.

UNCONTESTED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

3. [R7-2013-0007](#) Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for **Heber Public Utilities District Standby Basin** – Imperial County
4. [R7-2013-0015](#) Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for R7-2007-0043 **Truckhaven Geothermal Exploratory Well** – Imperial County
5. [R7-2013-0017](#) Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for **Norge Village Cleaners**, Owner/Operator, Dominick Houa Phinyo, Yucca Valley – San Bernardino County
6. [R7-2013-0019](#) Waste Discharge Requirements for **Seeley County Water District**, Owner/Operator, Seeley County Wastewater Treatment Plant, Evaporation/Percolation Pond Pilot Project, Seeley – Imperial County

ENFORCEMENT

7. [R7-2013-0014](#) Administrative Civil Liability Order in the Matter of **Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Grass Carp Hatchery**, El Centro – Imperial County

RESOLUTION

8. [R7-2013-0003](#) Resolution Approving the Initial Study and Adopting a Negative Declaration for Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Agricultural Wastewater**

Discharges and Discharges of Wastes from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating Within the Bard Unit of the Reservation Division – Imperial County

WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

9. [R7-2013-0002](#) **Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Wastes from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating within the Bard Unit of the Reservation Division – Imperial County**

Ex Parte Communications. Effective January 1, 2013, ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the Board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for Board action. For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on January 3, 2013. If the Board does not take action on January 17, 2013, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Chair or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the Board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice via the Lyris email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

10. The election of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair, 2013

OTHER BUSINESS

11. SWRCB Onsite Waste Treatment System (OWTS) Policy — SWRCB Staff
12. Informational Update Coachella Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan — JR
13. Informational Update Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group – Salt and Nutrient Management Planning Efforts - JR
14. Informational Update: State Water Resources Control Board Activities (hand-out) — TV
15. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report — RP
16. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments
17. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report — EW

CLOSED SESSION

18. At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to meet in closed session to consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)]; to discuss significant exposure to litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i)]; to discuss whether to initiate litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(i)]; or to discuss initiated litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)]. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)].

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: 9:00 a.m., THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013, PALM DESERT, CA.

ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING