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Comment Deadline:
April 26, 2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R7-2023-0020

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 R7-2023-0020 (Tentative Order), which concerns the following:

Discharger: Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)
Project: Shaver Summit Pressure Limiting Station Redesign Project
Riverside County
Associated Facility: Shaver Summit Station Easement; Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 709-160-001

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: May 9, 2023
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Colorado River Basin Water Board's Boardroom
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100,
Palm Desert, California 92260

Remote Participation Option Available
(See Instructions Below)

Remote Participation Option

Although this public meeting will be conducted in-person, the public will also have the opportunity to participate remotely via the [ZOOM videoconferencing platform](https://zoom.us) (<https://zoom.us>), which is free to download. If you intend to speak, present oral comments or otherwise actively participate in this meeting, you will need to obtain ZOOM access prior to the meeting. For those who do NOT intend to actively participate, the meeting will be livestreamed via [Cal-Span](http://www.cal-span.org) (www.cal-span.org).

Please refer to the Colorado River Basin Water Board's [Remote Meetings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/remote_meeting) page (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/remote_meeting) for instructions on remote participation via ZOOM.

Oral Comments at Hearing

All persons interested in the Tentative Order and/or this proceeding will be provided the opportunity to orally present general policy statements and legal arguments during the hearing, provided that they have submitted **Speaker Request Cards** (or the equivalent for virtual participation). Such comments will be limited to three minutes, though the Board Chair may grant additional time on a case-by-case basis.

To ensure accuracy of the record the Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that interested persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a summary of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing. However, interested persons do not need to submit written statements in order to speak.

If your comments will incorporate a short slideshow presentation or visual aids, please email these materials to Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov no later than noon on the day before the meeting. These materials will not be admitted as evidence in the administrative record.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments on the Tentative Order during a 30-day public comment period ending on **April 26, 2023**. All written comments must be received no later than **5:00 pm**. Comments received prior to this deadline will be included in the administrative record. Untimely written comments will not be accepted, absent a showing of good cause and lack of prejudice to the parties.

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Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

By Mail: Colorado River Basin Water Board
Attn: Kai Dunn
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, California 92260

By Email: Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov

By Fax: (760) 341-6820

BACKGROUND

Southern California Gas Company is proposing to modify the existing Shaver Summit Pressure Limiting Station (Facility) to meet current standards associated with corrosion and cathodic protection. Project work location will occur north of Interstate 10 (I-10), east of Cottonwood Spring Road, and South of Joshua Tree National Park in Shavers Valley between the Cottonwood and Orocochia Mountains, in Riverside County, California. The Project is expected to impact waters of the state.

The Project involves the installation of two new pressure limiting device stations associated with high pressure natural gas transmission pipelines (between SoCalGas Line 5000[2], Line 1030, and Line 2000-East), excavation and daylighting of existing high pressure gas lines, installation of pipeline crossover sections and mainline valves, installation of new anode wells, the removal of release valves, and backfilling of excavated areas and exposed high pressure gas line infrastructure. The Project will require an expansion of the existing facility and an expanded easement (Shaver Summit Station Easement; Assessor Parcel Number 709-160-001). The existing facility is approximately 110 feet by 85 feet, and the expanded facility will be approximately 390 feet by 270 feet following construction activities. The planned facility expansion will all be carried out within the recently expanded SoCalGas' right-of-way (ROW).

Expansion of the facility will require the rerouting of two ephemeral drainages around the new facility footprint and will permanently re-develop approximately 170 feet of the existing dirt access road. The new dirt access road footprint will be approximately 350-feet long and will be constructed south and east of the expanded facility. An approximately 2.8-acre temporary laydown yard and staging area will be constructed about 4,000 feet east of the facility, and will be used for fabrication, materials storage, and equipment storage during construction. Work is planned to begin in June 2023 and will require approximately five months to complete. At the end of the Project, temporary impacted areas will be restored to its pre-Project condition to the extent feasible.

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MAY 9, 2023

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APRIL 26, 2023

HEARING PROCEDURE

Nature of Hearing

The Colorado River Basin Water Board’s consideration of the Tentative Order is an adjudicative proceeding¹ conducted in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. The administrative record shall consist of all Board files, exhibits, and related agenda material. The Tentative Order will be considered via an “informal hearing.” (*Id.*, § 648.7; see also Gov. Code, § 11445.10 et seq.)

Parties to Proceeding

The parties to this proceeding are the Discharger (i.e., person to whom the Tentative Order is directed), and any additional persons that the Executive Officer, in consultation with the Board Chair, determines should be a “party.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.1, subd. (a).) Such additional persons are referred to as **Designated Parties**.

Unless they are formally recognized as a Designated Party, **interested persons are NOT considered “parties” to the proceeding**. This means that interested persons will ordinarily not be permitted to present evidence (e.g., photos, eyewitness testimony, etc.) for entry into the administrative record; again, oral comments are limited to general policy and legal statements. Interested persons are also not subject to cross-examination but may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from the Board Members. (*Id.*, § 648.1, subd. (d).)

To request Designated Party status, send a written application via email to Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than **April 26, 2023** (submitted concurrently with written comments and any proposed written evidence). The Executive Officer and Board staff will promptly respond to all timely applications and may request further information before the determination is made.

Designated Party status will only be granted if the applicant demonstrates that it is necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.² An application will not be granted

¹ An “adjudicative proceeding” is one in which the Board conducts an evidentiary hearing for determination of facts, resulting in the formulation of a decision in the form of an adopted order. (Gov. Code, § 11405.20; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648, subd. (a).)

² The Board’s decision may include the following considerations: (1) whether the applicant will be substantially affected by issues addressed in the hearing; (2) whether

if it appears that such designation will impair the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. Additionally, the Executive Officer, in consultation with the Board Chair, may impose restrictions on the requestor's hearing participation, including limiting or excluding the use of cross-examination and other procedures to promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. (Gov. Code, § 11440.50, subd. (c).)

Order of Proceeding

Adjudicative proceedings are conducted in a manner deemed most suitable to the particular case with a view toward expeditiously securing relevant information without unnecessary delay and expense. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.5, subd. (a).)

This proceeding will be conducted in the following order: (1) opening statements by Board Chair, summarizing the subject matter and purpose of the hearing; (2) identification of all persons wishing to participate in the hearing; (3) administration of oath for all persons intending to speak at the hearing, including interested persons making oral comments; (4) presentations by staff; (5) comments and/or presentations by parties; (6) comments from interested persons; (7) Board Members' comments and discussion; (8) closure of hearing by Board Chair; and (9) voting by Board Members. In the event that the Tentative Order will be contested, the Executive Officer, in consultation with the Board Chair, will determine time allotments prior to the hearing.

Submission of Evidence

To avoid the introduction of surprise testimony and exhibits (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4, subd. (a)), and to minimize the need for oral argument and testimony at the hearing, the parties shall submit all documentary evidence (*Id.*, § 648.4, subd. (c)), witness information (*Id.*, § 648.4, subd. (b)), and legal/technical memoranda to staff prior to the hearing date.

As noted above, the administrative record will consist of materials in the Board file for the Facility (at time of hearing).

the parties will adequately represent the applicant's interests; (3) whether the applicant would present their own written evidence or witness testimony at the hearing; and (4) whether the applicant will seek to cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Tentative Order is 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Kai Dunn at (760) 776-8986 or Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

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