

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

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November 6, 2024  
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF VIOLATIONS  
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OFFER NO. R7-2024-0033  
FOR  
VERDANT ENCELIA, LLC  
FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES, TWENTYNINE PALMS  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public comment a proposed resolution of alleged violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order (WDR) No. R7-2009-0009 and Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R7-2023-0032.

On September 30, 2024, the Assistant Executive Officer of the Colorado River Basin Water Board issued Order No. R7-2024-0033, *Offer to Settle Administrative Civil Liability for Violations* to Sharad Kadakia, representative of Verdant Encelia, LLC (Discharger) to resolve effluent limit violations of WDR No. R7-2009-0009 and reporting violations of CDO No. R7-2023-0032 without a formal enforcement proceeding.

On October 30, 2024, the Discharger accepted the Settlement Offer by signing the "Acceptance of Settlement Offer and Waiver of Right to Hearing" (Acceptance and Waiver) and agreed to pay \$21,552 in penalties, submit the outstanding technical report, and waive his right to a hearing. Pursuant to federal regulations, the Colorado River Basin Water Board is releasing the Settlement Offer for public comment.

If no comments are received within thirty (30) days and no new material facts become available, the Executive Officer will execute the Acceptance and Waiver as a stipulated Order assessing the uncontested penalty amount pursuant to Water Code sections 13268 and 13350. If, however, significant comments are received in opposition to the Settlement Offer, the offer may be withdrawn.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILTY**

Additional information and relevant documents related to this matter may be reviewed online at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/public\\_notices/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/public_notices/) or in person at the Colorado River Basin Water Board Office.

If you need a hard copy of the Conditional Settlement Offer mailed to you, please contact Mary Castaneda by phone at (760) 776-8945 or e-mail at: [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding the Settlement Offer during a 30-day public comment period, which begins **November 6, 2024**, and ends **December 6, 2024**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Settlement Offer are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **5:00 p.m., December 6, 2024**.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of Michael Perez at the address shown below, emailed to [Michael.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov) or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Michael Perez at [Michael.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Perez@waterboards.ca.gov).