

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

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Public Notice 7-21-57
November 24, 2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO
WATERS OF THE STATE
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2022-0002**

**ISSUED TO
ARICA SOLAR, LLC
ARICA SOLAR PROJECT**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment proposed Order R7-2022-0002 (Proposed Order) to Arica Solar, LLC for the Arica Solar Project (Project). Arica Solar, LLC is proposing to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a solar energy production facility on 1,355 acres of land in Riverside County, approximately 5 miles east of Desert Center. The Project will be on land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The Project is expected to impact waters of the state.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the Proposed Order during a public hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: January 11, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video and Teleconference

Based on the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, and in accordance with Government Code section 11133 (effective September 16, 2021), the meeting will occur solely via remote presence.

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 Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments on the Proposed Resolution during a 30-day public comment period, which begins **November 24, 2021**, and ends **December 24 2021**. Written comments on the Proposed Resolution must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on December 24, 2021**.

The Colorado River Basin 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 Kai Dunn at Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or portable USB drive and mailed to:

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Colorado River Basin Region
c/o Kai Dunn
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Mailed written comments may be sent to the address above. Written comments may also be faxed to the Colorado River Basin Water Board office at (760)341-6820.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Copies of the Proposed Resolution are available on the "Tentative Orders" page of the Regional Water Board's [website](#). If you need a hard copy of the Proposed Resolution mailed to you, please contact CJ Jasieniecki by phone at (760) 346-7494 or e-mail at: CJ.Jasieniecki@waterboards.ca.gov.

ACCESSIBILITY

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 or via email at Hilda.Vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting. If you need interpreter services, please contact CJ Jasieniecki by phone at (760) 346-7494 or e-mail at: CJ.Jasieniecki@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 working days prior to the meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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