

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

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Public Notice No. 7-10-20
March 29, 2010

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF FILING OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

In the Matter of a Proposed Amendment
To the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on, and consider adoption of, a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region, and its supporting draft "substitute environmental document" prepared pursuant to section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed amendment will designate E. coli as the sole indicator bacteria for the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel for protecting human health, as recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The draft substitute environmental document concludes that the proposed amendment will have no significant effects on the environment. The document also includes analyses of socioeconomic impacts, and reasonably foreseeable means of compliance with the proposed amendment. The technical justification for the proposed amendment is provided in a staff report.

The public hearing on this matter is scheduled as follows:

DATE: May 20, 2010
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: City Council Chambers
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider approval of the draft substitute environmental document and adoption of the amendment as proposed, or as modified as a result of deliberations. Changes made to the amendment, if any, will be consistent with the purpose of the amendment.

The public review period for the proposed amendment, draft substitute environmental document, and staff report will be from March 30, 2010, to May 14, 2010. Written comments or questions on the proposed amendment, draft substitute environmental document, or staff report should be directed to the attention of Jeff Geraci at the address above. Mr. Geraci can be reached by phone at (760) 776-8935. Please include the term "BPA for Revision of Bacteria Criteria for CVSWC" in the heading of your comments to ensure proper routing.

The proposed amendment, draft substitute environmental document, and staff report are available on the Regional Water Board's Internet webpage at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning/. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling (760) 346-7491. In addition, these documents, along with the Regional Water Board's Basin Plan and related materials, may be inspected at the Regional Water Board office, located at 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

The La Quinta City Council Chambers are 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 Regional Water Board hearing. 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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