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

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Public Notice 7-22-17 February 25, 2022

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR

# WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE STATE PROPOSED ORDER R7-2022-0015

# ISSUED TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1H200 RIV I-10 REPLACE EXISTING ROCK SLOPE PROTECTION 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 R7-2022-0015 to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the 1H200 RIV I-10 Replace Existing Rock Slope Protection Project. Caltrans is proposing to replace rock slope protection at 24 bridges on Interstate 10 (I-10) to preserve the structural integrity, protect the spread footing foundations of the abutments from critical scour, and to prevent bridge failure. Project workspaces are at twelve locations that occur along I-10 from approximately 27 miles east of the city of Coachella to 4 miles west of the community of Desert Center in unincorporated Riverside County. 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: April 12, 2022 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Colorado River Basin Region

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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: <a href="Colorado River Basin Water Board Remote Participation Instructions">Colorado River Basin Water Board Remote Participation Instructions</a>.

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 Order during a 30-day public comment period, which begins **February 25, 2022**, and ends **March 28, 2022**. Written comments on the Proposed Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2022**.

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 <a href="Mai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov">Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov</a>. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or portable USB drive and mailed to:

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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 Order are available on the "Tentative Orders" page of the Regional Water Board's <u>website</u>. If you need a hard copy of the Proposed Order mailed to you, please contact Mary Castaneda by phone at (760) 346-7494 or e-mail at: Mary.Castaneda@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 <a href="https://hilda.Vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov">hilda.Vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov</a> no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting. If you need interpreter services, please contact Mary Castaneda by phone at (760) 346-7494 or e-mail at: <a href="mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov">Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov</a> 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 <a href="mailto:Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov">Kai.Dunn@waterboards.ca.gov</a>. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

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