

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

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Public Notice No. 7-04-07 Revised

**REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REVISED 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

REVISED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board), will hold a public hearing to receive comments on and consider adoption of a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) and its supporting draft “functionally equivalent” environmental document prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed amendment involves:

1. Incorporation of a Sedimentation/Siltation Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Niland 2, P, and Pumice Imperial Valley Drains and Implementation Plan, in Imperial County;
2. Incorporation of a Sedimentation/Siltation Implementation Plan for All Imperial Valley Drains in Imperial County; and
3. Establishment of a Conditional Prohibition for Discharge of Silt-Laden Tailwater into the Imperial Valley Drains, New River, and Alamo River.

This revised notice is given because the previous Notice of Public Hearing on the matter (Public Notice No. 7-04-07) did not specify that while the TMDL applied to three Imperial Valley drains (Niland 2, P, and Pumice Drains), the implementation plan applied to *all* Imperial Valley drains, and did not explicitly mention the proposed discharge prohibition. This revised notice also modifies the comment period on the matter, as noted below.

The draft environmental document prepared for the proposed amendment concludes that the proposed amendment will have no significant effects on the environment. The document includes analyses of socioeconomic impacts and reasonable means of compliance with new pollution control requirements. The technical justification for the proposed amendment is provided in a staff report, which is available on request.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: May 12, 2004

TIME: During the Regional Board's regular meeting, which begins at 10:00 AM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

During the public hearing, at his discretion, the Regional Board Chairman may impose time limits on oral testimony and curtail evidence that is repetitive or irrelevant to the matter at hand. All exhibits, including charts, graphs, and other testimony presented as evidence must be left with the Regional Board, as they will become part of the administrative record.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Regional Board will consider approval of the environmental document and adoption of the amendment as proposed, or as modified as a result of deliberations. Any changes to the amendment will be consistent with the purpose of the TMDL.

The public review period for the proposed amendment and CEQA document is from February 17 to April 5, 2004. Written comments or questions on the amendment and environmental document should be directed to the attention of Jose Angel at the address above. His telephone number is (760) 776-8932. Please include the term "Imperial Valley Drains Sedimentation/Siltation TMDL Basin Plan Amendment" in the heading of your comments to ensure proper routing.

The draft amendment and environmental document will be available on the Regional Board's Internet webpage at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb7>. Copies of these documents may be obtained by calling (760) 346-7491. Copies of the Basin Plan, proposed amendment, staff report, environmental document, and related materials may be inspected at the Regional Board office. They also can be reviewed at the public library in the City of Imperial, City of El Centro, City of Calexico, City of Brawley, City of Westmorland, City of Calipatria, City of Desert Shores, City of Heber, City of Niland, City of Ocotillo, City of Salton City, and City of Holtville.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Regional Board Meeting, please contact Kristie Garcia at (760) 346-7491 no later than 10 days before the scheduled meeting.

Date:

Jose Angel, P.E.
Watershed Protection Division Chief