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## Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

### REGIONAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**November 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**California Regional Water Quality Control Board**  
**City of El Centro Council Chambers**  
**1275 W. Main Street**  
**El Centro, CA 92243**

This meeting will be webcast at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_info/agenda/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/).

Supporting documents for agenda items to be considered by the Colorado River Basin Water Board are posted on our website. To view or download documents, go to:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_info/agenda/index.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/index.html).

More detailed information concerning the Colorado River Basin Water Board's meeting procedures is attached to the end of this agenda.

i. Pledge of Allegiance

ii. Roll Call

iii. Public Forum

Any person may address the Colorado River Basin Water Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda. Comments will generally be limited to three (3) minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Board Chair.

#### 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes of September 19, 2019 Board Meeting
- Minutes of October 10, 2019 Board Workshop

#### 2. State Water Board Liaison Update

[Laurel Firestone, State Water Board Liaison]

## Contested and Discussion Items

3. R7-2019-0054 – Consideration of adoption of Clean Water Act listing recommendations for the Colorado River Basin Region portion of the 2018 California Integrated Report [*Rosalyn Fleming, WRCE*]
  - [Resolution R7-2019-0054](#)
  - [Staff Report / Revised Staff Report](#)
  - [Appendix A: Waterbody Fact Sheets](#)
  - [Appendix B: Category 5 Waterbody Segments](#)
  - [Appendix C: Category 3 Waterbody Segments](#)
  - [Appendix D: Category 2 Waterbody Segments](#)
  - [Appendix E: Category 1 Waterbody Segments](#)
  - [Appendix F: Reference Report for Fact Sheets](#)
  - [Response to Comments](#)
4. R7-2019-0006 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Imperial Irrigation District, El Centro Generating Station in El Centro, Imperial County [*Jose Valle de Leon, WRCE*]  
*\*\*This item will be continued to the January 9, 2020 Board meeting.*
5. R7-2019-XXXX – Consideration of Adoption of Short-Term Renewal of Order R7-2019-0008 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater and Discharges of Wastes from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities within the Imperial Valley, Imperial County [*Jennie Snyder, WRCE*]
  - [Order R7-2019-00XXX](#)

## Uncontested Items

**NOTE:** Uncontested items are those items that are not being contested at the Board meeting and will be acted on without discussion. Uncontested items may be removed at the request of any Board member or person. If an item is removed from the uncontested calendar for discussion, it will only be voted on at this meeting if no significant changes are made to the agenda item. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent Board meeting to allow input from interested persons.

6. R7-2019-0047 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Hi-Grade Materials Co., Indio Sand and Gravel Plant in Indio, Riverside County [*Reggie Tan, WRCE*]
  - [Order R7-2019-0047](#)
7. R7-2019-0018 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Ormat Nevada Inc., North Brawley Geothermal Power Plant in Brawley, Imperial County [*Zak Owens, EG*]
  - [Order R7-2019-0018](#)

## Informational Items

8. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report [Paula Rasmussen, EO]
9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments
10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report
11. Tour of Imperial Valley Irrigated Agricultural Lands

The Imperial County Farm Bureau will provide a tour of agricultural fields in the area between Brawley and Westmoreland. The tour will start at approximately 1:00 p.m. and last approximately 1 1/2 hours. Tour participants will assemble at the City of El Centro Council Chambers office for an overview of the scope of the tour, prior to departing. A quorum of the Colorado River Basin Water Board may be present at the tour stops; however, the Board will not be taking any voting or other action during the tour. Anyone interested in participating in the tour should RSVP and contact Ms. Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945.

Where to Meet: City of El Centro Council Chambers, 1275 W. Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

What to Wear: Wear comfortable boots or shoes suitable for walking. Participants are responsible for providing their own drinking water, sunscreen, sun hat, and other outdoor gear as appropriate. Typical temperatures during this month are expected to be 70-80°F, but weather conditions can vary.

Transportation: Transportation for the tour will be provided to the Board members by Board staff. Other tour participants are expected to make their own transportation arrangements.

## Closed Session

12. The Board may meet in closed session to:
  - (a) Consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public employee by another person, unless the employee requests a public hearing. [*Authority: Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (a).*]
  - (b) Consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence. [*Authority: Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (c)(3).*]
  - (c) Discuss litigation, including discussion of initiated litigation, significant exposure to litigation, or decisions to initiate litigation. [*Authority: Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (e).*]

## Adjournment

## **Next Board Workshop/Board Meeting**

December 12, 2019 Board Workshop – 9:00 am  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
73-720 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

January 9, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:00 am  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
73-720 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

## Procedures

**General Statement**—The primary duty of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board or Board) is to protect the quality of the waters within the region for all beneficial uses. This duty is implemented by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water basins and by prescribing and enforcing requirements on all domestic and industrial waste discharges. Responsibilities and procedures of the Colorado River Basin Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board are specified in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (commencing with section 13000 of the Water Code) and implementing regulations in titles 23 and 27 of the California Code of Regulations.

The purpose of the Board public meeting is for the Board to obtain testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the information received.

**Written Comments, Oral Comments and Presentations**—Persons who want to submit written comments or evidence on any agenda item must comply with the Board's Meeting Procedures. These procedures can be viewed on our website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_info/agenda/docs/bm\\_procedures.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf).

Persons wishing to speak at the Board meeting should complete a speaker request card and provide it to staff. You may also wish to sign in on the attendance sheet that will be provided. Although signing in is voluntary, we appreciate knowing who attended to help us evaluate the level of public interest.

The Board and staff welcome information on pertinent problems, but comments at the Board meeting should be brief and specific. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only a summary of pertinent points presented verbally.

During the public forum part of the meeting, any member of the public may address the Board and ask questions relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda, and the presentation should normally be limited to three (3) minutes. If the matter relates to an item that is listed on the agenda, the presentation to the Board should be made at the time that the particular item is taken up by the Board.

It is the policy of the State and Regional Water Boards to discourage the introduction of surprise testimony and exhibits. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.4, the Board may refuse to admit into evidence written testimony pertaining to agenda items if it is not submitted to the Board in a timely manner and shall refuse to do so where there is a showing of prejudice to any party or the Board. This rule may be modified where a party demonstrates that compliance would create severe hardship.

**Uncontested Items**—(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 647.2). Consent or uncontested agenda items are items for which there appears to be no controversy, and which can be acted upon without discussion. Such items have been properly noticed, and all interested parties consent to the staff recommendation. All items appearing under the "Uncontested Items" calendar will be

acted upon by the Board in one motion without discussion. Should any Board member or other person request that an item be considered separately, that item will be taken up at a time determined by the Board Chair.

**Contested Items**—Non-consent or contested agenda items are items to which the parties involved have not consented and the staff recommendation is in dispute. The procedure that applies to such items depends on the nature of the matter. Matters before the Colorado River Basin Water Board may be quasi-legislative or quasi-judicial (adjudicative proceedings). Such items may require a public hearing and all interested persons will be provided an opportunity to make comments.

Persons applying for or actively opposing Waste Discharge Requirements or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits must comply with legal requirements if they or their agents have contributed or propose to contribute more than \$250 to a Board member for an election campaign. Contact the Board office for details if you believe that you fall into this category.

**Petition Procedure**—Any person adversely affected by a decision of the Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the decision. The petition must be received by the State Water Board within thirty (30) days of the Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the laws regarding the filing of petitions will be provided upon request to the Board, or may be obtained at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality/index.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/index.html).

**Section 401 Certifications**—A listing of pending applications for Water Quality Certifications, pursuant to section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, may be obtained from the Board's website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water\\_issues/programs/401\\_certification/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/401_certification/)  
or by calling Kai Dunn at (760) 776-8986.

**Agendas and Supporting Documents**—Board agendas and supporting documents to be considered by the Board are posted on our website ten (10) days prior to a scheduled meeting. To view or download documents go to:

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**Accessibility**—The meeting facility is 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 meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. If you need interpreter services, please contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 10 working days prior to the meeting.

**Inquiries**—Inquiries concerning individual agenda items should be directed to Mary Castañeda at (760) 776-8945 or to [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov). Ms. Castañeda is available to answer general questions and to direct your call to the appropriate staff person to answer your specific questions.