



News Advisory

Public Meeting to Provide Status Report on the New River Improvement Project

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What: A public meeting to provide an update on the status of design and construction of projects recommended to address the public health threat that New River water quality poses in the Calexico area. **Spanish language interpretation will be available.**

Background: in February 2018, the State Water Resources Control Board entered into a \$1.35M contract with Michael Baker International to prepare engineering plans and specifications for a trash screen, a conveyance system, and a pump-back system for the New River in the Calexico area. During the meeting, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will be providing a progress report on key tasks required by the contract, and an update regarding the schedule and funding to construct the infrastructure. Construction of the infrastructure paves the way for the City of Calexico to develop and build its River Parkway also.

When: Thursday, 6 p.m. **July 19, 2018** (*This meeting will not be live-streamed*).

Where: 850 Eady Avenue, Calexico, CA

Who: Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board

About the New River: The New River flows north through Mexicali, Baja California, continues through Calexico, California, and onward to the Salton Sea. The New River is severely polluted by discharges of wastes from domestic, agricultural and industrial sources in Mexico and the Imperial Valley. New River pollution threatens public health, prevents supporting healthy ecosystems for wildlife and other biological resources in the New River, and contributes to the water quality problems of the Salton Sea. New River pollution also hinders economic development in Imperial County.

The New River Improvement Project was created in 2009 by Assembly Bill 1079, which required the California-Mexico Border Relations Council to develop a strategic plan to guide its implementation. For more information on the New River Improvement Project, [visit here](#).

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