

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

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Public Notice No. 7-23-02  
Notice Date: May 5, 2023  
NPDES Permit CA0105023

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT  
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
ORDER R7-2023-0003**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2023-0003 (Tentative Order), which will serve as the reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number CA0105023 and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for following discharger and facility:

**SEELEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
(Discharger)

**SEELEY COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
1898 WEST MAIN ROAD  
SEELEY – IMPERIAL COUNTY  
(Facility)

Seeley County Water District (Discharger) has applied for reissuance of the Westmorland Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) NPDES Permit, previously issued per WDRs Order R7-2017-0016, which is issued pursuant to section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342), and pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

**HEARING PARTICIPATION**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order at the date, time and location specified below:

**Date:** June 27, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** 73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, California 92260  
(virtual public participation available; see below)

## Seeley County Wastewater Treatment Plant

**Notice of Public Hearing**

The public may participate either in person at the physical meeting location or virtually via the Zoom meeting platform. Instructions concerning how to participate virtually are available on the Regional Water Board's website. Persons desiring to receive information about changes to the format of this meeting should subscribe to the [Lyris email list](#) (Select Board Meetings Agenda).

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 Board's website ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_info/remote\\_meeting/#participation\\_via\\_video\\_conference](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/remote_meeting/#participation_via_video_conference)).

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Board's [Meeting Procedures](#) ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\\_info/agenda/docs/bm\\_procedures.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf)).

**BACKGROUND**

Seeley County Water District owns and operates the municipal wastewater treatment plant. This Facility is located at 1898 West Main Street, Seeley, California. The Facility provides domestic sewage services to a population of approximately 2,100 located in the town of Seeley which is located in the Imperial Valley. Wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to the New River, a water of the United States, via an unnamed tributary.

The current total design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant is 0.25 MGD. The treatment system consists of a lift station, a drum screen, a bar screen, a "Clemson" aerated pond treatment system with surface aerators, pre-disinfection filtration via pressure sand filters, and an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system. Following installation of the Clemson process facilities in 2004, one of the original 2.4-acre lagoons was retrofitted to a primary oxidation pond prior to the Clemson facilities (comprised of Clemson ponds, or reaction basins). Currently, the drum and bar screens are bypassed and wastewater first enters the primary oxidation pond before being directed through the Clemson ponds. Following UV disinfection, the effluent is discharged to the New River via an unnamed tributary.

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a 30-day public comment period, which ends on **June 5, 2023**. Written comments on the proposed

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COMMENT DEADLINE  
June 5, 2023

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Order must be received no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **June 5, 2023**. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of **Jose Valle de Leon** at the address shown below or emailed to: [Jose.Valledeleon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jose.Valledeleon@waterboards.ca.gov) or faxed to the office at (760) 776-8940.

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**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The Tentative Order has been posted to the Board's [Tentative Orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml) webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board\_decisions/tentative\_orders/index.shtml).

To receive a physical copy by mail, contact either **Mary Castaneda** at (760) 776-8945 or [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov), or **CJ Jasieniecki** at (760) 346-7494 or [CJ.Jasieniecki@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CJ.Jasieniecki@waterboards.ca.gov)

**ACCESSIBILITY AND LANGUAGE NEEDS**

Individuals who require special accommodations or interpreter services to participate in this meeting, please contact Mary Castaneda via email at [Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting to notify us that you will be utilizing these services. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-(800) 735- 2929 or voice line at 1-(800) 735-2922.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact **Jose Valle de Leon** at (760) 776-8940 or [Jose.Valledeleon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jose.Valledeleon@waterboards.ca.gov). Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

File: WDID No. 7A130111013, Seeley County Wastewater Treatment Plant, Board Order R7-2023-0003

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