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## **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2023 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IN COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is commencing its three-year review of the Water Quality Standards contained in the [Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region](#) (Basin Plan) ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_planning](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning)). This process is referred to as the “**Triennial Review**.”

### **TRIENNIAL REVIEW PROCESS**

The Clean Water Act requires the Colorado River Basin Water Board to hold public hearings to review applicable Water Quality Standards at least once during each three-year period. For the purposes of the Clean Water Act, “Water Quality Standards” consist of beneficial uses of surface water and Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) that are protective of such uses. During the Triennial Review process, potential Basin Plan Amendments (including but not limited to those related to Water Quality Standards) will be identified and prioritized for development during the ensuing three-year period, depending on available staff resources.

Staff is now soliciting interested persons for their initial input on potential Basin Plan Amendments for development during the 2023 Triennial Review period, which spans from January 2024 through December 2026. Specifically, interested persons are invited to submit data, information, documents, and other evidence regarding current or proposed beneficial uses, WQOs, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) or various implementation programs.

Staff will consider these comments in finalizing a draft list of basin planning priorities, which will then be presented to Colorado River Basin Water Board members for consideration and approval at a future public meeting (to be announced in a separate public notice). There will be additional public participation opportunities when individual Basin Planning Amendments are separately considered for adoption.

### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Interested persons are invited to submit their 2023 Triennial Review basin planning proposals, along with supportive data, information, documents and other evidence. At a minimum, submittals should be submitted with the following information:

- Name and contact information of submitting organization or person;
- Affected WQO, if applicable;
- Affected beneficial use, if applicable;
- Affected implementation action, if applicable;
- Affected waterbodies and/or watersheds;
- Concise summary of data, information or evidence;
- Concise summary of suggested revisions; and
- Supporting data, information or evidence.

All proposals with supporting information must be submitted via email to [hajer.dawoody@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hajer.dawoody@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than **12:00 pm on June 9, 2023**; please include "2023 Triennial Review Proposal" in the subject line. Email submittals are limited to attachments totaling 10 megabytes or less; larger submittals may be transmitted through multiple emails where possible, provided that the subject line of each email indicates that it is part of a series (e.g., "Email 1 of 4").

Alternatively, submittals may be submitted via mail (with electronic files on compact discs or flash drives) to the following address:

Colorado River Basin Water Board  
Attention: Hajer Dawoody  
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If you have any questions about the 2023 Triennial Review or the process for submitting proposals, please contact **Hajer Dawoody**, Engineering Geologist at (760) 313-1293 or [hajer.dawoody@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hajer.dawoody@waterboards.ca.gov).