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COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a Public Workshop on February 19, 2015, to discuss the development of a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Coachella Valley (hereafter referred to as "CV-SNMP"). Salt and Nutrient Management Plans (SNMPs) are an outgrowth of the State Recycled Water Policy adopted in 2009. It is the intent of the policy to manage salts and nutrients from all sources on a basin-wide or watershed-wide basis in a manner that ensures attainment of water quality objectives and protection of beneficial uses. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) sees SNMPs as the best mechanism to manage salts and nutrients in this way as opposed to imposing requirements on individual projects. SNMPs are to be developed by local water and wastewater entities, together with local salt/nutrient contributing stakeholders. The water and wastewater entities fund collaborative processes that are locally driven and controlled and are open to all stakeholders, including participation by Regional Water Board staff.

Four stakeholder meetings have been conducted to date. Stakeholders have provided comments on two technical memoranda prepared for the CV-SNMP. These memoranda have been presented at the stakeholder meetings, and posted for review and comment by the CV-SNMP Technical Group. These include:

- *Technical Memorandum No.1, "Preliminary Data Review and Documentation of Technical Methods,"* and
- *Technical Memorandum No. 2, "Ambient Water Quality."*

The goals of the workshop are:

1. To provide background for the Regional Water Board members on the State Recycled Water Policy and an update on the development of the SNMP for the Coachella Valley;
2. To allow Regional Water Board staff to discuss at greater depth the objectives, requirements, and other relevant aspects of SNMP development pursuant to the State Recycled Water Policy (for example, requirements for monitoring and scientific peer review);

3. To provide State Water Board staff an opportunity to update stakeholders and other interested persons on the status of SNMP development statewide;
4. To provide an opportunity for affected stakeholders to discuss with Regional Water Board members issues and concerns regarding the methodologies proposed in Technical Memoranda Nos.1 and 2 for developing an SNMP for the Coachella Valley; and
5. To provide sufficient information to enable the Regional Water Board to provide direction to its staff.

The Public Workshop is scheduled as follows:

Date: February 19, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location: CRWQCB, Colorado River Basin Region
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The agenda for the Public Workshop is as follows:

1. Introductions
2. Overview of Recycled Water Policy – Water Board staff
 - a. Legal Requirements: SNMP requirements, peer review, and Basin Plan Amendment
 - b. Status Update: Statewide SNMP development
3. Water Board staff presentation
 - a. Role of the Board
 - b. Policy issues
 - c. Critical issues
4. Stakeholder and public comments
5. Technical Group presentation(s) (CVWD, DWA, IWA, CWA, MWH—consultant)
 - a. Work conducted to date (TM-1, TM-2)
 - b. Issues – those addressed, those to be addressed
6. Discussion period--share ideas/discuss issues and concerns
7. Board feedback and next steps (future meetings, deliverables schedule)

Stakeholders and other interested persons are encouraged to participate in this workshop. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and avoid repetitive comments. Although a quorum of Regional Water Board members may attend this workshop, no Board action will be taken.

Technical Memoranda Nos.1 and 2 can be downloaded from the Coachella Valley Water District's website at: <http://cvwd.org/snmp/>. To ensure accuracy of the record, the Regional Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the workshop submit those statements to Regional Water Board staff before or during the workshop.

Filing of Written Comments and Submission of Powerpoint Presentations

Persons wishing to file written comments and/or to submit PowerPoint presentations, if any, concerning the CV-SNMP for this workshop are requested to do so by **February 9, 2015**, so that they may be given sufficient consideration. Comments should be mailed to the attention of Ms. Joan Stormo at the following address:

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To ensure the development of the CV-SNMP is conducted in a public and transparent process, all written comments and Powerpoint presentations, including presentations to be given by State and Regional Water Board staff, will be posted on the Regional Water Board website under "Announcements—CV-SNMP Workshop."

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Regional Water Board public workshop, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled workshop date.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

FILE: CV-SNMP