



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION TO INCLUDE TRIBAL BENEFICIAL USES, STATEWIDE MERCURY OBJECTIVES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Colorado River Basin Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) to include Tribal Beneficial Uses and Administrative Updates (collectively, Basin Plan Amendment).

The Basin Plan Amendment was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board on June 11, 2024 (Resolution R7-2024-0023) and is available for review at: <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/boardor_decisions/adopted_ordecisions/adopted_ordecisions/adopted_ordecisions/adopted_ordecis

A copy of the Basin Plan Amendment can also be provided by mail, please send a request to Francisco Costa at <u>francisco.costa@waterboards.ca.gov</u> or (760) 776-8937.

The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan Amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the State Water Board's agendas and meetings may subscribe to the State Water Board's electronic mailing list (under the general topic "Board Meetings") at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan Amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on January 31, 2025**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at <u>commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</u> (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery to:

Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail) 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter – Colorado River Basin Tribal Beneficial Uses BPA."

If you would like a copy of any or all of the written comments submitted on this subject, please send a request to <u>commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</u>, identifying the subject listed above. Written comments will not be available until after the comment deadline.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

- 1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan Amendment adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board.
- 2. If the Colorado River Basin Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Colorado River Basin Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
- 3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Colorado River Basin Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Colorado River Basin Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Francisco Costa at (760) 776-8937 or <u>francisco.costa@waterboards.ca.gov</u>; or David Lancaster, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5195 or <u>david.lancaster@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

December 27, 2024

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Clerk to the Board