



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Colorado River Basin Region



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From: Teresa Newkirk  
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Date: March 1, 2002

Subject: Notice of Filing of Draft Environmental Document and Public Hearing for a proposed amendment to the California Regional Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region, to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load for Sediment/Siltation for the New River

Signature: 

Attached for your information is a copy of the subject notice, regarding a proposed amendment to the California Regional Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Sediment/Siltation for the New River.

Please contact Ms. Ivory Reyburn at (760) 776-8933 or me at (760) 776-8931 if you have questions about this matter. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

Attachment: Notice of Filing of Draft Environmental Document & Public Hearing

cc: Lori Okun, SWRCB, OCC, Sacramento

File: New River Silt TMDL

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

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Public Notice No. 7-02-03

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE OF FILING OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

In the Matter of a Proposed Amendment  
To the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) and on draft "functionally equivalent" environmental documents prepared pursuant to Section 2080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed amendment would involve:

- Incorporation of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for sedimentation/siltation, and a TMDL implementation program, for the New River in Imperial County.

A Draft environmental document has been prepared for the proposed amendment, which concludes that it will have no significant effects on the environment. The document includes analyses of socioeconomic impacts and reasonable means of compliance with new pollution control requirements. The technical justification for the proposed amendments is provided in a separate staff report, which are available on request.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

**DATE:** June 26, 2002

**TIME:** During the Regional Board's regular meeting, which begins at 10:00 AM

**LOCATION:** City Council Chambers  
City of La Quinta  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Regional Board will consider approval of the environmental document and adoption of the amendments as proposed, or as modified as a result of deliberations. Any changes to the amendment will be consistent with the purpose of the TMDL.

The public review period for the proposed amendment and CEQA document will extend from March 1 to May 15, 2002. Written comments or questions on the amendment and environmental document should be directed to the attention of Teresa Newkirk at the address above. Her telephone number is (760) 776-8931. Please include the term "New River Sediment/Silt TMDL Basin Plan Amendment" in the heading of your comments to ensure proper routing.

The draft amendment and environmental document will be available on the Regional Board's Internet webpage at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb7>. Copies of these documents may be obtained by calling (760) 346-7491. Copies of the Basin Plan, the proposed amendment, the environmental document, and related materials may be inspected at the Regional Board office. It can also be reviewed at the public libraries in the City of Imperial, City of El Centro, City of Calexico, and City of Brawley.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Regional Board Meeting, please contact Kristie Garcia at (760) 346-7491 no later than 10 days before the scheduled meeting.



for Jose Angel, PE  
Division Chief, Watershed Protection Division

Date: 3/1/02