

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Riverside, the Coachella Valley Water District, the Cities of Banning, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and Rancho Mirage, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Permittees) have initiated the preparation of a revised Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) for urbanized portions of Riverside County under the jurisdiction of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). This area is referred to as the Whitewater River Region.

This Public Notice is to advise you that the draft Whitewater River Region SWMP will be posted within 30 days on our website and then will be available for review.

The Whitewater River Region SWMP, when approved by the Executive Officer of the Regional Board, will describe programs for compliance with Regional Board Order No. R7-2008-0001.

That Order can be viewed at website:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2008/08_0001ms4_permit.pdf.

The revised Whitewater River Region SWMP will update the old SWMP, prepared by the Permittees in 2006, and describe the stormwater and urban runoff management program that will be implemented during the term of Order No. R7-2008-0001, which expires in May 2013. A key element of this revision will be the development of a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) for the Whitewater River Region. The WQMP will describe requirements for treatment of urban runoff and management of peak flow and volume for specified categories of new development and redevelopment. The revised draft SWMP will be posted for Public Comment mid April 2009.

In June 2009, after the public comment period is over and further revisions have been made, a final draft of the 2009 Whitewater River Region SWMP will be posted on our website public accessibility. The 2009 SWMP will come into effect June 15, 2009.

If you have questions regarding the Whitewater River Region SWMP please call Ann Iaali at (951) 955-1248, asiaali@rcflood.org or Jason Uhley at (951) 955-1273, juhley@rcflood.org. Written comments and questions can also be mailed to Ms. Ann Iaali, c/o Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501.