

## **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.

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\\_0001\\_ms4\\_permit.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2008/08_0001_ms4_permit.pdf).

This revised 2009 Whitewater River Region SWMP updates the 2006 SWMP prepared by the Permittees and describes 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. The revisions reflect programmatic improvements based on the Permittee's experience in implementing the 2001 SWMP, findings of the monitoring program, and implementation of statewide water quality policies.

A key element of this revision is the development of a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) for the Whitewater River Region. The WQMP describes requirements for treatment of urban runoff and management of peak flow and volume for specified categories of new development and redevelopment.

Final comments from interested parties regarding the Whitewater River Region SWMP are requested by 5:00 p.m. May 18, 2009.

A final draft of the Whitewater River Region SWMP is posted on the Permittees' web sites for public accessibility. In completing the Whitewater River Region SWMP Public Review Period, the Permittees will address public comments prior to submittal to the Regional Board by June 15, 2009.

The 2009 SWMP will come into effect June 15, 2009. Please forward any questions regarding the Whitewater River Region SWMP to Ms. Ann Iaali at (951) 955-1248, [asiaali@rcflood.org](mailto:asiaali@rcflood.org) or Mr. Jason Uhley at (951) 955-1273, [juhley@rcflood.org](mailto:juhley@rcflood.org). Written comments can also be mailed to Ms. Ann Iaali, c/o Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501.