STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 0017

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR TRASH IN THE NEW RIVER AT THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS:

- The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) adopted a revised Basin Plan on November 17, 1993, which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on February 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on August 3, 1994.
- On June 21, 2006, the Colorado River Basin Water Board adopted Resolution No. R7-2006-0047 (<u>Attachment</u>) amending the Basin Plan to establish a TMDL for trash in the New River at the International Boundary.
- 3. The Colorado River Basin Water Board found that the analysis contained in the TMDL staff report and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) checklist comply with the requirements of the State Water Board's certified regulatory CEQA process as set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 23 §3775 et seq.).
- 4. The Colorado River Basin Water Board found that adoption of this amendment would result in no adverse effect on wildlife, and the amendment would be consistent with the State Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16) and federal antidegradation requirements.
- 5. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with Water Code section 13240, which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans, and section 13242, which requires a program of implementation of water quality objectives. The State Water Board also finds that the TMDL as reflected in the Basin Plan amendment is consistent with the requirements of federal Clean Water Act section 303(d).
- 6. The Colorado River Basin Water Board established the loading capacity of the New River as zero pounds per day of trash or 100 percent removal of trash. Compliance with the load must occur within three years of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) approval of the TMDL.
- 7. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL. TMDLs must also be approved by USEPA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan adopted under Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution No. R7-2006-0047.
- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted under Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution No. R7-2006-0047, as approved, and the administrative record for this action to OAL and the TMDL to USEPA for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held April 18, 2007.

- AYE: Tam M. Doduc Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D. Arthur G. Baggett, Jr. Charles R. Hoppin
- NO: None
- ABSENT: Frances Spivy-Weber
- ABSTAIN: None

Song Her Clerk to the Board