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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

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Dr. Francisco Costa
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Re: New River DO TMDL.

Dear Mr. Costa:

The, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section (USIBWC) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the subject action. The USIBWC understands the proposed action will place the New River at the International Boundary to 12 miles downstream into a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) status due to poorly treated wastewater discharge into the New River.

The USIBWC has reviewed the data collected at this site by USIBWC personnel and concurs with the finding based on the dissolved oxygen not achieving a minimum of 5.0 milligrams per liter. Our data shows that this value is not being achieved from 25 to 58 percent of the samples collected for the past 4 years.

The USIBWC would like to be included in this process as the New River and the environmental issues in the river are of a bi-national nature and will require cooperation with entities in Mexico, as well as, the United States. Furthermore, implementation of a TMDL program cannot be successful without the cooperation of all parties involved to include Mexico.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject document for the proposed TMDL listing. Should you or your staff have questions, please contact me at (915) 832-4767 or Mr. Wayne Belzer at (915) 832-4703.

Sincerely,

Daniel Borunda
Acting Chief
Environmental Management Division

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