

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

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New River DO TMDL

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF FILING OF DRAFT SUBSTITUTE
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR 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 Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on and consider adoption of a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) and its supporting draft "Substitute Environmental Documents" prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC Section 21000 et seq.). The proposed amendment would:

- **Incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Implementation Plan for Dissolved Oxygen in the New River at the International Boundary, Imperial County, California**

This TMDL addresses impairment (or pollution) of low Dissolved Oxygen (DO) in the first 12 mile (19.3 kilometer) reach of the New River downstream of the United States (U.S.)/Mexico International Boundary (IB), caused mainly by waste discharges from Mexico.

The draft Substitute Environmental Documents (SEDs) prepared for the proposed amendment conclude that the TMDL will have no significant effects on the environment. The SEDs include environmental analyses of socioeconomic impacts and the reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance with the performance standard specified in the proposed amendment; i.e., the DO numerical target of 5.0 mg/L at any time. The technical justification for the proposed amendment is provided in a Regional Water Board Staff Report.

The Basin Plan, proposed Basin Plan amendment, SEDs, and related materials may be reviewed at the Regional Water Board office during normal business hours, and are also available for review on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl_current_projects.shtml/

Please contact Dr. Francisco Costa at (760) 776-8937, for any questions regarding this matter.

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment during its May Board meeting, which is scheduled as follows:

Date: May 20, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City of La Quinta
City Hall Council Chambers
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

Affected stakeholders and other interested persons are invited to attend and express their views on this matter at the public hearing. Those who wish to speak at the hearing will be asked to fill out a speaker request card and provide it to Regional Water Board staff. In order to have adequate time for

the presentations by Regional Water Board staff, however, comments from the public will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. If the presentation may take longer, please let Regional Water Board staff know before speaking so that the presentation can be appropriately scheduled at the hearing. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive. To ensure accuracy of the record, the Regional Water Board requests that any speakers who have prepared written statements for oral presentation at the hearing submit those statements to Regional Water Board staff before or during the hearing.

At this time, the Regional Water Board will accept written comments on this matter during a forty-five (45) day public comment period, which begins March 8, 2010, and ends April 21, 2010. Written comments must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2010, to receive full consideration. Written comments may be mailed or faxed to the attention of Francisco Costa as follows:

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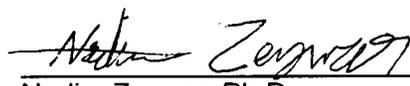
Fax: (760) 341-6820

Please include the words "New River DO TMDL" in the subject heading of your comments to ensure proper routing.

In response to written comments and oral testimony received during the May 2010 public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider approval of the SEDs and adoption of the amendment as proposed, or as modified as a result of deliberations, and will consider adoption of a Resolution in support of its actions.

For those who are disabled and require special accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.



Nadim Zeywar, Ph.D.
TMDL Development Unit Chief

Date: 3-8-2010

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