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COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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CVSC P TMDL

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE AMENDMENT
LANGUAGE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY STORM WATER CHANNEL BACTERIAL
INDICATORS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD**

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 revisions to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) amendment language for the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel (CVSC) Bacterial Indicators TMDL adopted by this Regional Board on May 16, 2007. The TMDL addresses impairment (or pollution) of Bacterial Indicators in the CVSC. The major proposed revisions would:

- **Provide the rationale supporting the Regional Water Board staff decision to limit the current three bacterial indicator Numeric Targets to only the E. coli Numeric Target for the CVSC;**
- **Exempt CVSC Agricultural Stakeholders and the Coachella Valley Water District from Phase 1 implementation actions;**
- **Remove Riverside County Flood Control and Conservation District from being a discharger and a responsible party; and**
- **Revise the deadlines for implementing the TMDL.**

This proceeding shall consider, and comments may be submitted, only with respect to the proposed revisions to the amendment language of the previously adopted Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel Bacterial Indicators TMDL. Accordingly, any comments made, evidence provided, or arguments proffered that do not directly pertain to the revised amendment language are not relevant and thus, will not be considered.

Based on the Substitute Environmental Documents (SEDs) prepared for the TMDL, Regional Water Board staff concluded 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 Basin Plan amendment.

The Basin Plan, proposed revisions, 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 Mr. Logan Raub at (760) 776-8966 for any questions regarding this matter.

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

Date: June 17, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Hi-Desert Water District
55-439 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

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 April 20, 2010, and ends June 3, 2010. Written comments must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2010, to receive full consideration. Written comments may be mailed or faxed to the attention of Logan Raub as follows:

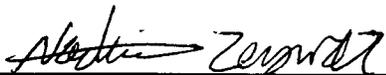
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Please include the words "Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel Bacterial Indicators TMDL" in the subject heading of your comments to ensure proper routing.

In response to written comments and oral testimony received during the June 2010 public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider approval of the proposed revisions 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.



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Date: 4-20-2010

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