STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2011-0030

APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION (BASIN PLAN) ESTABLISHING A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR BACTERIAL INDICATORS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY STORM WATER CHANNEL.

WHEREAS:

- On May 16, 2007, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R7-2007-0039 (<u>Attachment I</u>) amending the Basin Plan to establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and implementation plan for bacterial indicators in the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel (Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel). On January 18, 2008, the Colorado River Basin Water Board's Executive Officer requested that the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel bacterial indicators TMDL be withdrawn from State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) consideration. The TMDL Basin Plan amendment was revised and was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board on June 17, 2010, by Resolution No. R7-2010-0028 (See Attachment I).
- The Colorado River Basin Water Board found that the Basin Plan amendments were consistent with the provisions of State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) <u>Resolution No. 68-16</u>, "Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California" and 40 CFR section 131.12.
- 3. The Colorado River Basin Water Board found that the analysis contained in the Final Project Report, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) "Substitute Environmental Documentation" for the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including the CEQA Checklist, the staff report, and the responses to comments complies with the requirements of the State Water Board's certified regulatory CEQA process, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 3775 et seq. The State Water Board has reviewed the Substitute Environmental Documentation and concurs with the Colorado River Basin Water Board's findings.
- 4. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendments are 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 to achieve water quality objectives.
- 5. The regulatory action meets the "Necessity" standard of the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code, section 11353, subd. (b). The necessity of developing a TMDL is established in the TMDLs staff report, the CWA section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments, and the data contained in the administrative record documenting the impairments of the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel.
- A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The TMDL must also receive approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves the amendments to the Basin Plan adopted under Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution Nos. R7-2007-0039 and R7-2010-0028.
- Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendments adopted under Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution Nos. R7-2007-0039 and R7-2010-0028, as approved, and the administrative record for this action to the OAL and the TMDL to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 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 on July 19, 2011

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY:NoneABSENT:None

ABSTAIN: None

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