

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 79-100

DESIGNATION OF COACHELLA VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND
DESERT WATER AGENCY AS THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT
BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN
COACHELLA VALLEY

WHEREAS:

1. Under Section 303(e) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-500), the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, adopted a Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin (7A).
2. Under Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-500) the Governor delegated to the State Water Resources Control Board those powers and duties conferred upon the Governor by Section 208.
3. The State Water Resources Control Board delegated 208 Planning responsibilities in the Colorado River Basin Region to this Regional Board.
4. The Regional Board prepared a Water Quality Control Planning Program Work Plan, dated July 1976, and updated July 1978, which set forth specific water quality control planning activities by the Regional Board.
5. In said 208 Planning Program the Regional Board delegated to the Coachella Valley County Water District (CVCWD) and to the Desert Water Agency (DWA) certain planning responsibilities regarding the water quality issue contained in said Work Plan, and titled "Planning Issue B - Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin".
6. These delegated agencies have completed water quality management plans with recommendations of Best Management Practices for said water quality issue, as contained in the report titled "Coachella Valley Groundwater Management Plan for the Coachella Valley Planning Area of the West Colorado River Basin", dated April 1979.
7. These water quality management plans have been used in part by the Regional Board in developing, and on May 9, 1979, adopting a Summary Report and Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin (7A) regarding the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin issue.

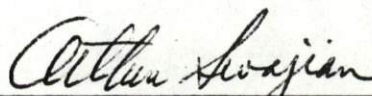
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8. Said Section 208 authorizes designation of appropriate management agencies to implement best management practices for water resources management.
9. The jurisdictional boundaries of CVCWD and DWA encompass that portion of Coachella Valley which is the logical planning area for implementation of groundwater management for said Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin issue.
10. CVCWD and DWA have each requested designation as the responsible agency to implement best management practices for groundwater management within their respective jurisdictional areas of Coachella Valley.
11. The Regional Board considers that these two agencies are the logical agencies to assume this ground water management responsibility.
12. In a Public Hearing held on November 28, 1979 in Needles, the Regional Board heard comments pertaining to designation of CVCWD and DWA as the responsible agencies to implement best management practices for groundwater management within their respective jurisdictional areas.

RESOLVED:

1. That the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, under the authorizations of said Section 208 designates the Coachella Valley County Water District and the Desert Water Agency as the responsible agencies to implement best management practices for groundwater management within their respective jurisdictional areas of Coachella Valley, in accordance with the Regional Board's Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin (7A).
2. That this Board considers that water reclamation and conservation are an integral part of best management practices for the Coachella Valley groundwater basin, as well as necessary water importation.
3. Said designations become effective when approved by the State Water Resources Control Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

I, Arthur Swajian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on November 28, 1979.



Executive Officer