

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

RESOLUTION No. R7-2017-0033

CERTIFYING COMPLETION OF THE 2017 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN, ADOPTION OF THE FINAL 2017 TRIENNIAL REVIEW PRIORITY ISSUE LIST, AND ADOPTION OF THE WORKPLAN OF BASIN PLANNING ISSUES FOR THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, COLORADO RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS, The California Regional Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (hereafter. Colorado River Basin Water Board or Board) finds that:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board or Board) was adopted on August 3, 1994, and has been amended occasionally.
2. The Basin Plan contains the Colorado River Basin Water Board's regional water quality standards, which consist of beneficial uses and water quality objectives necessary to protect those uses, and implementation programs.
3. Section 303(c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality standards and Basin Plans be reviewed and revised if necessary at a minimum every three years. Similarly, Section 13240 of the California Water Code requires periodic review. This review is known as a Triennial Review.
4. The Colorado River Basin Water Board has concluded its 2017 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan. As part of its review, the Colorado River Basin Water Board:
 - Circulated a draft 2017 Triennial Review List and Workplan of Basin Planning issues (Workplan), including water quality issues, dated March 09, 2017, for public review and solicited suggestions from the public, interested persons, and potentially affected parties for potential revisions to water quality standards or other Basin Plan elements during a 45-day period (September 15, 2017 to October 30, 2017)
 - Held two (2) public workshops, on April 17, 2017 and October 9, 2017, to provide information on the draft 2017 Triennial Review List and Workplan of Basin Planning issues, and to inform the public of the review process and to encourage public participation;
 - Carefully considered and responded to all evidence provided by Board staff, and the public during the public comment period and revised the 2017 Triennial Review List to reflect high priorities (2017 Triennial Review Priority Issues) of suggested Basin Plan revisions;

Held a Public Hearing on November 9, 2017, in Palm Desert, California, to conclude the Triennial Review, and to consider adoption of the 2017 Triennial Review Priority Issues and other aspects of the Basin Plan.

5. As a result of its 2017 Triennial Review, the Colorado River Basin Water Board identified as priorities the suggested Basin Plan revisions on the Draft 2017 Triennial Review Priority Issues list (Attachment 1 to this Resolution).
6. The Colorado River Basin Water Board notified all known interested persons and the public of its intent to complete the 2017 Triennial Review, to adopt as final the Draft 2017 Triennial Review Priority Issues list of suggested Basin Plan revisions, and to adopt the Workplan in fulfillment of state and federal requirements.
7. This Basin Plan revision update process satisfies the federal triennial review requirements of Section 303(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act and the periodic review requirements of Water Code Section 13240.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1. In fulfillment of the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and the California Water Code, the Colorado River Basin Water Board hereby certifies completion of the 2017 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan, adopts the Final 2017 Triennial Review List identifying water quality issues in need of investigation and possible revision to the Basin Plan, and adopts the supporting Triennial Review Work Plan. The Final 2017 Triennial Review Priority Issues list and the Workplan are Attachments 2 and 3 to this Resolution, respectively.
2. The current Basin Plan remains in effect until the Colorado River Basin Water Board adopts specific revisions and the appropriate authorities review and approve those changes.
3. Adoption of the Final 2017 Triennial Review Priority Issues list does not preclude Board consideration of lower priority revisions.
4. The Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer is hereby directed to: prepare additional detailed work plans of any issue on the Triennial Review List as appropriate; identify issues on the List that can be completed within existing resource allocations over a three-year period; prepare a list of projects requiring additional resources to complete; and forward the Administrative Record of the Colorado River Basin Region 2017 Triennial Review to the State Water Resources Control Board for its consideration and approval.

I, Jose Angel, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted on November 9, 2017, by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region.

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Jose L. Angel, P.E.
Executive Officer