State of California
Office of Administrative Law

In re:
State Water Resources Control Board

Regulatory Action:

Title 23, California Code of Regulations

Amend sections: 3960

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11353

OAL Matter Number: 2026-0609-04

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

In this action under Government Code section 11353, the State Water Resources Control Board amends the basin plan for the Colorado River Basin Region by incorporating new Tribal Beneficial Use definitions, updates to mercury water quality objectives, updated information on the Salton Sea, and adding hydrologic subareas to the respective hydrologic subunits or planning areas.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11353 of the Government Code.

Date: July 15, 2026

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Ashita Mohandas
Attorney

For: Kenneth J. Pogue
Director

Original: Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Copy: Emma McCorkle

STATE OF CALIFORNIA--OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

NOTICE PUBLICATION/REGULATIONS SUBMISSION

REGULAR

STD. 400 (REV. 10/2019)

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OAL FILE NUMBERS	NOTICE FILE NUMBER	REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER	EMERGENCY NUMBER
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of the State of California

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AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: State Water Resources Control Board

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any): R7-2024-0023

A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE	TITLE(S)	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE

3. NOTICE TYPE	4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (Optional)
☐ Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action ☐ Other			

OAL USE ONLY	ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE	NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE
	☐ Approved as Submitted ☐ Approved as Modified ☐ Disapproved/ Withdrawn		

B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S): Update Colorado River Basin RWQCB Basin Plan

1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S):

2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) **(Including title 26, if toxics related)**

SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)

ADOPT:

AMEND: Add note to History of Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, section 3960

TITLE(S): 23

REPEAL:

3. TYPE OF FILING

- ☐ Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)
- ☐ Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.
- ☐ Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))
- ☐ Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
- ☐ Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)
- ☐ File & Print
- ☐ Print Only
- ☐ Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))
- ☐ Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)
- ☒ Other (Specify) Govt Code 11353

4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1)

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)

- ☐ Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))
- ☐ Effective on filing with Secretary of State
- ☐ §100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect
- ☒ Effective other (Specify) Upon approval (Govt Code 11353)

6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY

- ☐ Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)
- ☐ Fair Political Practices Commission
- ☐ State Fire Marshal
- ☐ Other (Specify)

7. CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)
Emma McCorkle	760-340-4521		

8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE	DATE
Kai Dunn Digitally signed by Kai Dunn Date: 2026.06.04 11:27:48 -07'00'	6/4/2026

TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY: Kai Dunn, Assistant Executive Officer

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Concise Summary of Regulatory Provisions

TITLE 23. Waters
Division 4. Regional Water Quality Control Boards
Chapter 1. Water Quality Control Plans, Policies, and Guidelines
Article 7. Colorado River Basin Region
Section 3960. Water Quality Control Plans

History Note:

"Nonsubstantive amendments to the basin plan to incorporate new Tribal Beneficial Use definitions, updates to mercury water quality objectives, updated information on the Salton Sea, adds hydrologic subareas to the respective hydrologic subunits or planning areas, and other small edits for clarity filed 07-xx-2026; amendment adopted 06-11-2024 by Colorado River Basin Region Resolution R7-2024-0023; approved on 05-15-2025 by the State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 2025-0012; approved by OAL pursuant to Government Code section 11353 on 07-xx-2026 (Register 202X, No. XX)."