Notice of Decision

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FROM: Robert Perdue
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COLORADO RIVER BASIN
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with section 21080.5
of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT PROponent: Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

PROJECT TITLE: AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION TO
ESTABLISH THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD AND
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR DISSOLVED OXYGEN IN THE
NEW RIVER AT THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY,
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: New River near the City of Calexico in Imperial County,
California

DESCRIPTION: Resolution No. R7-2010-0011, adopted on May 20, 2010, by the
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River
Basin Region (Regional Water Board), modified the regulatory
provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado
River Basin Region (Basin Plan) by establishing a Total
Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Implementation Plan for
Dissolved Oxygen (DO) in the New River at the International
Boundary (IB). The TMDL addresses DO impairment in the New
River due to wastewater entering California at the international
border with Mexico. The implementation plan consists of two
phases. Phase 1 requests that U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency (USEPA) and the U.S. Section of the International
Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC): report measures
taken to ensure Mexico’s compliance with the TMDL; continue
to monitor water quality and DO in the New River at the IB; and
submit monitoring and progress reports to the Regional Water

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Board staff according to the schedule specified. Phase 1 also requests that other cooperating agencies with interests in New River water quality sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to ensure coordination of IB projects. Phase 1 measures should be sufficient to achieve the New River DO water quality objectives (WQOs). Phase 1 will be implemented within 3 years after USEPA approves the TMDL. Phase 2 (within 3 years after end of Phase 1) will be implemented if Phase 1 does not result in attaining the DO WQO. Regional Water Board staff will track implementation and monitor water quality progress in both phases, and will propose modification of the TMDL to the Regional Water Board, if necessary, in phase 2.

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This is to advise that the Colorado River Basin Region Water Quality Control Board has made the following determination regarding the above described project:

The project has been:  X approved  _____ disapproved

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Date  5/15/12

Date received for filing:  __________

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