



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Notice of Decision

**TO:** John Laird  
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**FROM:** Robert Perdue  
Executive Officer  
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:  approved  
 disapproved

  
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Robert E. Perdue  
Executive Officer

  
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Date

Date received for filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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