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Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Nancy Woo
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Region 9
San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Woo,

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION REGARDING NEW RIVER DISSOLVED OXYGEN TMDL

This letter follows up on the teleconference David Guilliano and Janet Hashimoto from your staff had with Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Abdi Haile, and Jose Angel of our staff on September 10, 2012, regarding the matter. The New River Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board on May 20, 2010, approved by the State Water Resources Control Board on December 6, 2011, and approved by the State of California Office of Administrative Law on March 21, 2012. The New River DO TMDL is currently under review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The purpose of the New River DO TMDL is to address only pollutants associated with discharges of wastes from Mexico that affect the DO of the New River. The length of the New River segment covered by the TMDL is about 0.8 miles, extending from the International Boundary with Mexico to about 80 feet upstream of Calexico Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). There are no point- or non-point sources of pollutants in the US within this segment. Wastes from Mexico govern the nature of the flow and water quality of the New River in this segment. The TMDL wasteload allocations for all U.S. WWTPs, analysis, discussions, and information contained in the New River DO TMDL that was submitted for USEPA approval, but that is not relevant to the 0.8-mile segment of the River, should be disregarded.

Thank you


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