



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF DECISION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL) AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR ORGANOPHOSPHATE AND ORGANOCHLORINE COMPOUNDS IN IMPERIAL VALLEY WATERS

On May 10, 2022, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R7-2022-0032 to amend the Water Quality Control Plan (Amendment) to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Alamo River, Imperial Valley Drains, New River, and Wiest Lake for Organophosphate (OP) and Organochlorine (OC) compounds that violate the water quality standards for these waters. A TMDL represents the maximum load of a pollutant that a waterbody can assimilate and still achieve water quality standards. The Basin Plan amendment was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in Resolution No. 2022-0046 on November 15, 2022 and the Office of Administrative Law on May 24, 2023.

The Water Quality Control Planning Program of the State Water Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards is a certified regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as provided in section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code. A Basin Plan amendment approved under a certified regulatory program is not final until the State Water Board files with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency a Notice of Decision and either the Department of Fish and Game's written "No Effect" Determination or a receipt of payment of the Fish and Game CEQA filing fee.

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Attached is a copy of the Notice of Decision and Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Receipt of Payment of CEQA Filing Fee for the Amendment adopted by the Regional Water Board. Also attached are Regional Water Board Resolution No. R7-2022-0032, the Environmental Checklist, and State Water Board Resolution 2022-0046.

Should you have any questions regarding this Basin Plan amendment, please contact Ravleen Kaur at (760) 776-8960 or Ravleen.Kaur@waterboards.ca.gov.

Attachments:

Notice of Decision
DFG Filing Fee Receipt
State Water Board Resolution No. 2022-0046
Regional Water Board Resolution R7-2022-0032
Environmental Checklist (Attachment E of Staff Report)