

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-0060**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION TO REVISE INDICATOR BACTERIA FOR  
THE COACHELLA VALLEY STORM WATER CHANNEL

WHEREAS:

1. On May 20, 2010, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R7-2010-0027](#) and [Appendix I](#) incorporated by reference therein amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) to revise indicator bacteria for a 17-mile reach of the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel.
2. The Basin Plan Amendment adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board removes two of the three bacterial indicators for pathogens for the subject reach of the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel, in accordance with 1986 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency water quality criteria guidelines and recommendations, leaving E. coli as the sole indicator.
3. The Colorado River Basin Water Board found that the analysis contained in the Staff Report, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) substitute environmental documentation for the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including the CEQA Checklist and the responses to comments prepared by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff, complies with the requirements of the State Water Board's certified regulatory CEQA process, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 3775 et seq. The State Water Board has reviewed the substitute environmental documentation for the Basin Plan amendment and concurs with the Colorado River Basin Water Board's findings.
4. The Colorado River Basin Water Board found the Basin Plan amendment would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and is consistent with the Antidegradation Policy ([State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16](#)) and the federal Antidegradation Policy (40 CFR part 131.12).
5. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with Water Code section 13240, which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans; and section 13242, which requires a program of implementation of water quality objectives.
6. The State Water Board also finds that this regulatory action meets the "Necessity" standard set forth in Government Code section 11353, subdivision (b)(2)(C) of the Administrative Procedure Act.
7. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan adopted under Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution No. R7-2010-0027.
2. Authorizes the Executive Officer or designee to submit the amendment adopted under Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution No. R7-2010-0027, as approved, and the administrative record for this action to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions.

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on December 6, 2011.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin  
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber  
Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board