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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR DISSOLVED OXYGEN IN THE NEW RIVER AT THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Colorado River Basin Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) that would establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and implementation plan for dissolved oxygen (DO) in the New River at the International Boundary, Imperial County, California (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board on May 20, 2010, and is available for review at:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb7/water\\_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl\\_current\\_projects.shtml#nr\\_oxy](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb7/water_issues/programs/tmdl/tmdl_current_projects.shtml#nr_oxy)

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Nirmal Sandhar at (916) 341-5571.

The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested in receiving notice of the State Water Board's agendas and meetings may subscribe to the State Water Board's electronic mailing list (under the general topic "Board Meetings") at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml).

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS.** Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 27, 2011**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

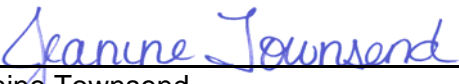
Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter — New River DO TMDL**".

**Requirements for Submitting Comments (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 3779, subd. (f)).** The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

- a. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Colorado River Basin Water Board.
- b. If the Colorado River Basin Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Colorado River Basin Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect. If the comment does not include such an explanation, the State Water Board will presume that the Colorado River Basin Water Board's response adequately addressed the commenter's concern.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Nirmal Sandhar, Environmental Scientist at, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5571 or [nsandhar@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:nsandhar@waterboards.ca.gov) or Senior Staff Counsel, Stacy E. Gillespie at (916) 341-5190 or [SGillespie@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SGillespie@waterboards.ca.gov).

September 16, 2011  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board