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Colorado River Basin Region



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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE OCTOBER 18, 2002 RED-LINE VERSION OF THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S (IID) AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S (SDCWA) AMENDED JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A LONG-TERM TRANSFER OF CONSERVED WATER FROM IID TO SDCWA AND TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION, PLACE OF USE AND PURPOSE OF USE UNDER

Dear Chairman Baggett and Members of the Board:

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment on the red-lined version of the Order for the subject petition.

Teresa Gonzales appeared at the October 16, 2002 workshop on behalf of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board). Consistent with our October 11, 2002 comment letter, Ms. Gonzales requested changes to paragraph 3, sentence 1 on page 71, so that the order would direct the Regional Board "to work with other agencies to address selenium." As Ms. Gonzales indicated, sources of some of the selenium load to the Colorado River are located in the other six Colorado River states.

We understood from the Chair's comments at the hearing that the language would be changed as follows: "With respect to the mass loading of selenium, the Regional Board is directed to work with other agencies to address selenium through the TMDL process or other appropriate means." We request that this revision be made.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (760) 346-7491 or Teresa Gonzales at (760) 776-8931.

Sincerely,

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File: IID Water Transfer

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