Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Mr. Wade Crowfoot
Secretary, Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Paula Rasmussen
Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
Colorado River Basin Region

DATE: May 31, 2022

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF DECISION AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

On September 3, 2020, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board) adopted Resolution R7-2020-0028, amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) to incorporate updated statewide bacteria water quality objectives (WQOs) and new beneficial use definition, and to consolidate site-specific Colorado River WQOs in a single section. This Basin Plan Amendment was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) per Resolution No. 2021-0008 on March 16, 2021, and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on May 10, 2022.

The Basin Planning Program is a certified regulatory program for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.5.) 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: (1) the OAL Notice of Decision; and (2) either a Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) written “no effect” determination, or a receipt of payment of the CDFW filing fee. However, this Basin Plan Amendment is non-regulatory and therefore does not require a “no effect” determination or pay the CDFW filing fee.

Enclosed herewith are: Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution R7-2020-0028; the Basin Plan Amendment OAL Notice of Decision; State Water Board Resolution No. 2021-0008; and a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Please return one copy of the OAL Notice of Decision as notification of the date received for filing at the Natural Resources Agency.
Should you have any questions regarding this Basin Plan amendment, please contact Emma McCorkle at (760) 340-4521 or emma.mccorkle@waterboards.ca.gov.

Attachments:
Notice of Decision
State Water Board Resolution No. 2021-0008
Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution R7-2020-0028
Notice of Decision

TO: Wade Crowfoot
Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency
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FROM: State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

SUBJECT: Filing and Notice of Decision in compliance with section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: Non-regulatory Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to Update Bacteria Water Quality Objectives for Waters Designated for Water Contact Recreation

LOCATION: Colorado River Basin Region

DESCRIPTION: On March 16, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2021-0008 approving the Non-regulatory Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to Update Bacteria Water Quality Objectives for Waters Designated for Water Contact Recreation (Amendment). Prior to State Water Board adoption, the Amendment was adopted by the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board through Resolution R7-2020-0028.

The Amendment revises the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) to include revised bacteria objectives for water contact recreation adopted by the State Water Board through Resolution 2018-0038, Part 3 of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California – Bacteria Provisions and a Water Quality Control Variance Policy and an Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California – Bacteria Provisions and a Water Quality Standards Variance Policy. The Amendment also includes the addition of the limited water contact recreation beneficial use and consolidation of Colorado River site-specific objectives into one section.
CONTACT PERSON: Emma McCorkle at emma.mccorkle@waterboards.ca.gov

This is to advise that the State Water Board has made the following determination regarding the project described above:

The project has been:  
   X  Approved
   ___ Disapproved

Paula Rasmussen
Executive Officer
Colorado River Basin
Regional Water Quality Control Board

Date received for filing: __________________

[Signature]

6/31/2022 Date