

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 94-18

APPROVAL OF A REVISED WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) on May 15, 1991.
2. Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality standards be reviewed and revised if appropriate at least every three years; and Section 13240 of the California Water Code provides that Basin Plans be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
3. On November 17, 1993, the Regional Water Board adopted Resolution No. 93-145 (Attachment) amending the Basin Plan.
4. The Regional Water Board prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.).
5. The Regional Water Board Resolution No. 93-145 was adopted in accordance with State laws and regulations.
6. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and until regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

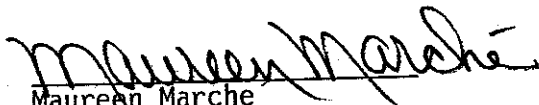
The State Water Board:

1. Approves the Basin Plan amendment and Triennial Review adopted by Regional Water Board Resolution No. 93-145 on November 17, 1993 with the understanding that:
  - a. The Regional Water Board shall implement the Inland Surface Waters Plan and Enclosed Bays Estuaries Plan (Plans), where applicable, as long as they remain in effect. If the Plans are invalidated, the Regional Water Board will continue to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits in compliance with the Porter-Cologne Act and applicable State and federal regulations, including, but not limited to, 40 CFR § 122.44(d).
  - b. Within four months of State Water Board approval of the Colorado River Basin Plan, the Regional Water Board shall initiate consultation with Department of Fish and Game (DFG) under California Endangered Species Act (CESA) regarding the need for future Basin Plan amendments.

- c. Within three years after DFG notifies the Regional Water Board that specific water bodies support threatened or endangered species and that scientific evidence indicates that certain existing water quality objectives for these water bodies do not adequately protect such species, the Regional Water Board shall determine, in consultation with DFG, whether these objectives are adequately protective. In cases where such existing objectives do not provide adequate protection for threatened and endangered species, the Regional Water Board shall develop and adopt adequately protective site-specific objectives for these constituents.
2. Directs staff to submit the Basin Plan amendment and this State Water Board Resolution to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions of the Basin Plan and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant 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 February 17, 1994.



Maureen Marche  
Administrative Assistant to the Board

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 93-145

ADOPTION OF THE 1993 WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN  
FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION OF CALIFORNIA

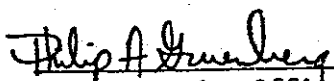
- WHEREAS, Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C.A. 1313(c), requires that water quality standards be reviewed, and revised if appropriate, on a triennial basis, and Section 13240 of the California Water Code provides that basin plans be periodically reviewed and may be revised; and
- WHEREAS, The federal Clean Water Act requires that each state prepare water quality control plans for all basin planning areas within the State; and
- WHEREAS, The 1991 Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region was reviewed and amended in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's Basin Plan Update Program. This basin plan update process satisfies the federal triennial review requirements of Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act and the periodic review requirements of Water Code Section 13240; and
- WHEREAS, The Regional Board prepared and circulated the draft Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region and associated staff reports which serve as a functional equivalent document in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15251(g);
- WHEREAS, In the process of said updating, the Regional Board forwarded copies of its proposed Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region, Summary Report, and Environmental Checklist to interested agencies and persons, and conducted a public hearing on September 15, 1993 in Indian Wells after giving due notice to all interested persons in accordance with applicable provisions of the federal Clean Water Act and Division 7 of the California Water Code; and
- WHEREAS, The Regional Board has considered the evidence introduced at said public hearing, and also as received during the public comment period, responded to all comments and revised its proposed Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region where appropriate; and
- WHEREAS, The Water Quality Control Plan includes all necessary elements of a water quality control plan in accordance with State and Federal requirements; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region hereby adopts the 1993 Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Regional Board approves the functional equivalent document for the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon approval of the State Water Resources Control Board, this adopted basin plan supersedes this Regional Board's Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region as adopted by the Regional Board in May 1991; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Regional Board's Executive Officer is directed to forward copies of this amended Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California to the State Water Resources Control Board for consideration of approval.

I, Phil Gruenberg, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on November 17, 1993.

  
Executive Officer