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Public Comment
COACHELLA VALLEY BI TMDL
Deadline: 6/22/11 by 12:00 noon

Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov



Dear Ms. Townsend:

Re: Comments on Coachella Valley
Stormwater Channel Bacterial Indicators
Total Maximum Daily Load Draft Basin
Plan Amendment

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) serves as the Co-Principal Permittee on the Riverside County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit for the Whitewater River Region. District staff would like to take this opportunity to express its support for the comments submitted by Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) on the Basin Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVSC) Bacterial Indicators Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). As noted in comments provided by CVWD, please revise the second paragraph of the staff report discussion on Implementation to read:

"If monitoring and assessment in Phase I indicate that waste discharges to the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel from anthropogenic activities violate the TMDL ~~continue to cause the exceedances of the water quality objectives~~ and that violations ~~these exceedances~~ persist despite recommended operation and maintenance procedures and control measures in their existing permits, the Regional Water Board shall require the implementation of additional actions to control anthropogenic sources of bacteria in Phase II."

Other than this minor change of text, the District supports the approval of the draft State Water Resources Control Board Resolution approving amendments to the Basin Plan adopted under the Colorado River Basin Water Board Resolution Nos. R7-2007-0039 and R7-2010-0028.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Claudio Padres (951.955.1273, cmpadres@rcflood.org) or Ann Iaali (951.955.1248, asiaali@rcflood.org) of the District's NPDES Division.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason E. Uhley".

for JASON E. UHLEY

Chief of Watershed Protection

cc: City of Coachella
County of Riverside
Coachella Valley Water District
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