

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 91-76

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Regional Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin (1984 Basin Plan) on November 14, 1984.
2. Division 7 of the Water Code specifies that basin plans be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
3. In the process of updating the 1984 Basin Plan, the Colorado River Regional Board conducted Triennial Review hearings in 1988 and 1989.
4. On March 22, 1989, the Colorado River Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 89-026 (Attachment 1) to amend the Basin Plan. However, several substantial issues regarding beneficial uses and water quality objectives remained as issues of disagreement among the Colorado River Regional Board, State Board staff, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency staff. Extensive staff level discussions followed in an attempt to resolve the issues.
5. On May 15, 1991, the Colorado River Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 91-035 (Attachment 2) to amend the proposed 1989 Basin Plan. The proposed amendments address State Board concerns and appropriately address unique conditions and problems in the Colorado River Basin Region.
6. The Colorado River Regional 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.).
7. The Colorado River Regional Board Resolution Nos. 89-026 and 91-035 were adopted in accordance with State laws and regulations.
8. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

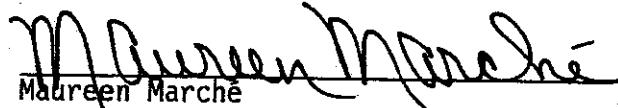
That the State Board:

1. Approves the Basin Plan amendments pursuant to Colorado River Regional Board Resolution No. 89-026 adopted March 22, 1989 and as revised by Resolution No. 91-035 on May 15, 1991.

2. Directs staff to submit the Basin Plan amendments and this State Board Resolution 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 August 22, 1991.


Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 89-026

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

WHEREAS,

1. Section 13240 of Division 7 of the California Water Code requires that each Regional Board shall formulate and adopt water quality control plans for all areas within the region; and
2. The Federal Clean Water Act requires that each state submit water quality control plans for all basin planning areas within the State; and
3. On November 14, 1984 the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan (1984 Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region; and
4. During 1988 and 1989, the Regional Board took all necessary and lawful steps to update said Water Quality Control Plan, and in the update process removed the water quality information and the Plan Assessment from the 1984 Plan and combined them into an Appendix to the 1989 Water Quality Control Plan (updated Plan); and
5. In the process of said updating, the Regional Board forwarded copies of its proposed Water Quality Control Plan, Summary Report, and Environmental Checklist for the Colorado River Basin Region of California to interested agencies and persons, and conducted a public hearing on January 25, 1989 in Rancho Mirage after giving due notice to all interested persons in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act and said Division 7 of the California Water Code; and
6. The Regional Board has considered the evidence introduced at said public hearing, and also as received during the public comment period, and accordingly has revised its proposed plan as the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California; and
7. Chapters 1 through 6 of the Water Quality Control Plan include all necessary elements of a water quality control plan in accordance with State and Federal requirements, and the Appendix to the Plan consists of only supportive information; now therefore be it

RESOLVED,

1. That the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region hereby adopts said Chapters 1 through 6 of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California.
2. That upon approval of the State Water Resources Control Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this adopted Plan supersedes this Regional Board's Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region as adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984, together with all subsequent revisions and amendments thereto.
3. That the Executive Officer is directed to forward copies of the adopted 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 March 22, 1989.


Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN

RESOLUTION NO. 91-035

ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT
TO THE
1989 WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

WHEREAS,

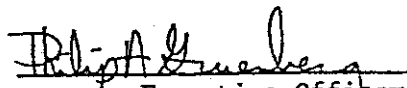
1. Section 13240 of Division 7 of the California Water Code requires that each Regional Board shall formulate and adopt water quality control plans for all areas within the Region; and
2. The Federal Clean Water Act requires that each State submit water quality control plans for all basin planning areas within the State; and
3. On November 14, 1984 the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan (1984 Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region; and
4. On February 21, 1985 the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted Resolution No. 85-12 which approved the action taken by the Regional Board as explained in WHEREAS No. 3, above; and
5. On September 6, 1985 the Regional Administrator (Region 9) of the United States Environmental Protection Agency approved the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region as adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984; and
6. On March 21, 1989 the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Water Management Division (Region 9) sent a letter to the Regional Board expressing concern about certain portions of the proposed 1989 Water Quality Control Plan, Colorado River Basin Region. These concerns focused on the designation of Water Quality Standards in the proposed 1989 Plan, specifically the lack of a full body contact recreational beneficial use (REC I) designation for all Regional waterbodies and the lack of certain water quality objectives; and
7. On March 22, 1989 the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Colorado River Basin Region adopted the Water Quality Control Plan (1989 Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region; and
8. On April 4, 1989 the Regional Board submitted the 1989 Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to the State Board for approval; and
9. The State Board has not approved the 1989 Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region because of the concerns raised by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as explained in WHEREAS No. 6, above; and

10. During 1991, the Regional Board took all necessary and lawful steps to amend the 1989 Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region and in the process designated all Regional waterbodies as having the REC I beneficial use and added new water quality objectives; and
11. In the process of amending the 1989 Plan, the Regional Board forwarded copies of the proposed Water Quality Control Plan, Summary Report, and Environmental Checklist to interested agencies and persons, and conducted a public hearing on May 15, 1991 in Indian Wells after giving due notice to all interested persons in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act and said Division 7 of the California Water Code; and
12. The Regional Board considered the evidence introduced at said public hearing, and also as received subsequent thereto; now therefore be it

RESOLVED,

1. That the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region hereby adopts the proposed Amendment to the 1989 Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California.
2. That upon approval of the State Water Resources Control Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Amended Plan supersedes this Regional Board's Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region as adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984, together with all subsequent revisions and amendments thereto.
3. That the Executive Officer is directed to forward copies of the adopted Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region 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 May 15, 1991.


Executive Officer