STATE WATER BOARD **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-0059**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION TO INCORPORATE A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR SEDIMENT/SILTATION FOR THE IMPERIAL VALLEY NILAND, P, AND PUMICE DRAINS AND DRAINS AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS:

- The Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River Basin Water Board) adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region (Basin Plan) on November 17, 1993, which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on February 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on August 3, 1994.
- 2. On January 19, 2005, the Colorado River Basin Water Board adopted Resolution No. R7-2005-0006 (Attachment) amending the Basin Plan to incorporate a TMDL for sediment/siltation for the Niland 2, P, and Pumice Imperial Valley drains (Imperial Valley drains).
- 3. Colorado River Basin Water Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, scientific peer review, and other State laws and regulations.
- 4. This Basin Plan amendment is consistent with the approach established for previously approved TMDLs for the Alamo and New Rivers and brings the entire Imperial Valley under the same numeric targets for sediment with a similar implementation plan.
- 5. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL. TMDLs must also be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves the amendment to the Colorado River Basin Water Board Basin Plan to incorporate a TMDL for sediment/siltation for the Imperial Valley drains.
- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director to transmit the amendment and administrative record for this action to OAL and the TMDL to USEPA for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk 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 July 21, 2005.

/s/		
Debbie Irvin		
Clerk to the Board		