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Re: Proposed Revisions of Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of  
Impaired Water Bodies in the Colorado River Basin Region

Dear Dr. Lim:

The Desert Valleys Builders Association (DVBA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on proposed revisions of Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies in the Colorado River Basin Region. While the DVBA is not a MS4 Permittee, the construction industry is directly affected by the proposed revisions and changes.

After reviewing materials provided to the DVBA, we believe the evidence clearly confirms that the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVSC) does not qualify for listing status. Positive tests were conducted prior to the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP). The diversion of particular runoff has eliminated dry weather MS4 contamination of the CVSC.

Additionally, we support the comments provided by the Permittees of the Coachella Valley (copy attached) addressing the need for better standards and data reporting strategies.

Respectfully,

  
Gretchen Gutierrez  
Chief Executive Officer

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