U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification # 2021-490 Colorado River Sewage System Joint Venture, Parker, Arizona, under U.S. EPA NPDES Permit # AZ0021415

This Clean Water Act Section (CWA) 401 Water Quality Certification # 2021-490 (Certification) applies to the Colorado River Sewage System Joint Venture municipal wastewater treatment plant. The 1.2 million gallon-per day sanitary sewage tertiary treatment plant is located in Parker, Arizona, on Colorado River Indian Tribal land. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 is issuing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act for the facility. The facility is authorized to discharge in accordance with the effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in NPDES Permit # AZ0021415.

Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA requires applicants for Federal permits and licenses that may result in discharges into waters of the United States, to obtain certification that any such discharges will comply with applicable provisions of the CWA, including Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307. Where no state agency or tribe has authority to give such certification, EPA is the certifying authority. In this case, the discharge originates within a jurisdiction (Colorado River Indian Tribes) without Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 authority, therefore, EPA is providing the Certification for discharges that may result from this NPDES permitted facility.

Pursuant to CWA § 401(a)(2), EPA has reviewed the NPDES permit for Colorado River Sewage System Joint Venture and has determined that the discharge authorized by the permit is not likely to affect the quality of waters within any neighboring jurisdiction, based on the location of the discharge and the permit requirements.

If you have questions regarding this certification, contact EPA Region 9 at: R9-401-Certs@epa.gov.

Granted Without Condition

EPA hereby certifies that discharge(s), as authorized by the NPDES permit # AZ0021415 for the Colorado River Sewage System Joint Venture will comply with the water quality requirements, as defined at 40 CFR 121.1(n).

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Tomás Torres, Director Water Division, Region 9 Date