

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 75-93

ADOPTION OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SALINITY
INCLUDING NUMERIC CRITERIA AND PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION
FOR SALINITY CONTROL, COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM

WHEREAS:

1. Regulation 40 CFR Part 120, Water Quality Standards, pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-500), requires each of the seven states of the Colorado River Basin to adopt water quality standards for salinity, including numeric criteria and plan of implementation for salinity control, for the Colorado River System and submit them to the Environmental Protection Agency by October 18, 1975;
2. Regulation 40 CFR Part 120 established the policy that the flow-weighted average annual salinity in the lower main stem of the Colorado River be maintained at or below the average value found during 1972, while the Basin states continue to develop their compact-apportioned waters;
3. The regulation also provided that the salinity problem shall be treated as a basinwide problem;
4. The seven states in 1973 established the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum, composed of representatives of water supply and water quality agencies, to develop the water quality standards for salinity for the Colorado River System;
5. The Forum in June 1975 completed a report entitled "Water Quality Standards for Salinity Including Numeric Criteria and Plan of Implementation for Salinity Control, Colorado River System", presenting the Forum's recommendations. This and a summary report were widely circulated prior to regional public meetings held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on August 4, 1975, and Grand Junction, Colorado, on August 7, 1975;
6. After consideration of the comments received, the Forum revised and finalized its report on August 26, 1975, and formally submitted it to the governors of the seven states;
7. The Forum intends to continue its functions to prepare annual progress reports, review the standards at least each three years, and establish a permanent work group to keep current on changes in the Basin and to recommend changes in the report and program to the Forum; and
8. The State Board conducted a public hearing on September 8, 1975, after notice to all interested persons in accordance with the requirements under California Water Code Sections 13170 and 13244 and as contained in PL 92-500 and has considered the evidence introduced at the hearing and found that no changes in the proposed standards are required.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board adopt the water quality standards for salinity, including numeric criteria and plan of implementation for salinity control, contained in the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum report of June 1975 entitled "Water Quality Standards for Salinity Including Numeric Criteria and Plan of Implementation for Salinity Control, Colorado River System", and the supplement thereto dated August 26, 1975; provided, that salinity values shall be determined by samples collected and analyzed by a cooperative U.S. Geological Survey/Bureau of Reclamation program; and provided further that such analyses shall be conducted by the sum of constituents of dissolved solids method.
2. That progress in the salinity control program in the State of California will be monitored and evaluated on a continuing basis which will include identifying and evaluating salinity values at monitoring points on the main stem and major tributaries identified on page 58 of the Forum report;
3. That the State of California will continue to collaborate with the other Colorado River Basin states and, acting through the Forum, will prepare annually a report which will summarize the results attained by the salinity control program and the effect of other actions in the Basin having an influence on salinity; and
4. That the Executive Officer is directed to forward copies of this resolution and of the water quality standards for salinity as contained in the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum report entitled "Water Quality Standards for Salinity Including Numeric Criteria and Plan of Implementation for Salinity Control, Colorado River System", dated June 1975, and its supplement dated August 26, 1975, to the Environmental Protection Agency by October 18, 1975.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Officer of the State Water Resources Control 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 September 18, 1975.

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Executive Officer