

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 78-3

SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF THE CLEAN WATER AND
WATER CONSERVATION BOND LAW OF 1978
(THE 1978 BOND LAW)

WHEREAS:

1. Hundreds of California municipalities will be required to construct additional treatment works to help meet the water quality needs of this State, at a cost which is conservatively estimated to be at least 4.693 billion dollars.
2. Additional reclamation and water conservation projects are needed if the water supply needs of this State are to be met.
3. State funds available under the Clean Water Bond Laws of 1970 and 1974 for the purpose of aiding local municipalities with necessary construction costs are nearing exhaustion, and state assistance to local municipalities will terminate in the near future in the absence of additional state funds being made available.
4. Water quality and water supply are matters of statewide concern as well as matters of local concern.
5. Many California municipalities have already received state assistance for their projects, and it would be unfair to deprive other municipalities of necessary state assistance.
6. Discontinuance of state assistance will generally require California municipalities to pay 25 percent of the eligible cost of construction of treatment works rather than 12½ percent of such cost.
7. Some municipalities will be unable to construct necessary facilities in the absence of state assistance.
8. Discontinuance of state assistance will inevitably result in delay of construction of necessary treatment works, reclamation projects, and water conservation projects. Delay will cause:
 - (a) Adverse environmental effects;
 - (b) Adverse impacts on agriculture, industry, commerce and recreation in this State;

- (c) Increase in the ultimate cost of providing necessary facilities;
 - (d) Delay in meeting the water quality and water supply needs of this State;
 - (e) Possible loss of needed federal assistance for local municipalities; and
 - (f) Adverse impacts on employment, with concomitant adverse effects on state and local economies.
9. The State Board and the nine California Regional Water Quality Control Boards are the principal state agencies with primary responsibility for the coordination and control of water quality in this State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That state assistance to local municipalities to aid these municipalities in constructing necessary treatment works should be continued and state assistance to local municipalities to aid in construction of additional reclamation and water conservation projects should be provided.
2. That in order to provide such state assistance, additional state funds must be provided.
3. That it is the official position of the State Water Resources Control Board that the Clean Water and Water Conservation Bond Law of 1978 should be adopted by the people of this State, and the State Board urges all of the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards to adopt a similar position.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director 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 January 19, 1978.


Executive Director