

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 81-19

APPROVAL OF A POLICY FOR THE REGULATION OF DREDGED
SEDIMENT DISPOSAL IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

WHEREAS:

1. Guidelines adopted by a Regional Board for the implementation of a water quality control plan, adoption of waste discharge or reclamation requirements, execution of enforcement actions or for any other action reviewable by the State Board shall not become effective unless and until approved by the State Board. (State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 73-42.)
2. Regional Boards may adopt guidelines to implement various provisions of the water quality control plans or waste discharge requirements or regarding enforcement action.
3. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) in Resolution No. 68-32 stated its policy with respect to water quality degradation caused by dredging operations in the San Francisco Bay Region.
4. The Regional Board has, in Resolution No. 72-4, adopted an interim amendment to Resolution No. 68-32.
5. The Regional Board has, in Resolution No. 72-15, adopted a policy with respect to the regulation of dredged spoil disposal in San Francisco Bay, and rescinded Resolution No. 72-4.
6. In part IX(2) of Resolution No. 72-15, the Regional Board has expressed its intent to employ the most recent technical information as guidelines with respect to dredged spoil disposal in San Francisco Bay.
7. The Regional Board staff participated in workshops conducted by the Corps of Engineers to discuss and comment on the development of regional procedures for evaluating discharges of dredged material into waters of the United States.
8. On July 30, 1979, in Public Notice 78-1, the Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, promulgated regional procedures for evaluating discharges of dredged material into waters of the United States.
9. Public Notice 78-1 supplements the Corps of Engineers' present regulations for evaluating such discharges.
10. The Corps of Engineers has stated its intent to be responsible for the administration of the new procedures stipulated in Public Notice 78-1.


11. The Regional Board has prepared a negative declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the State guidelines, and the Board determines that there will be no substantial adverse change in the environment as a result of the project.
12. On August 5, 1980, this Board held a public hearing and heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter.
13. On August 5, 1980, the Regional Board adopted Regional Board Order No. 80-10, incorporating the procedures (promulgated by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers) for evaluating discharges of dredged material into waters of the United States (Attachment A).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Water Resources Control Board approves the Regional Board's updated policy for the regulation of dredged sediment disposal in the San Francisco Bay Region, outlined in Regional Board Order No. 80-10.

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 February 19, 1981.



Clint Whitney
Executive Director