

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 83- 32

Concurring with four U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Study Plans for completing a Report of Waste Discharge for the proposed San Luis Drain Agricultural Discharge to the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary.

WHEREAS:

1. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) has consulted with the State Board on the possibility of obtaining waste discharge requirements for its proposed San Luis Drain discharge to the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta).
2. The State Board intends to consider adopting appropriate waste discharge requirements for the proposed discharge.
3. Prior to the State Board's consideration of adopting waste discharge requirements, the Bureau must file a satisfactory and complete Report of Waste Discharge for the proposed discharge.
4. On May 21, 1981, the State Board adopted Resolution 81-56 issuing specific guidelines to the Bureau for developing a satisfactory Report of Waste Discharge. The guidelines called for the submittal of Study Plans on six of the 19 issues to be addressed in the Report of Waste Discharge.
5. On June 17, 1982 the State Board approved two of these Study Plans.
6. In January 1983 the Bureau submitted the remaining four Study Plans.
7. These Study Plans were reviewed at a State Board Workshop on February 17, 1983.
8. The Study Plans were modified by the Bureau in a document dated March 1983.
9. The revised Study Plans were reviewed by the State Board at a Workshop on April 7, 1983.
10. The State Board Staff Report contains many clarifications and modifications which should be included in the Bureau's Study Plans.
11. Sections 13953 through 13953.4 (added to the Water Code in February 1982) require that the State Board make specific findings before discharge permits for the San Luis Drain are issued.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board concurs with the Bureau's Study Plans for (a) Receiving Water and Supply Water Quality (b) Receiving Water/Biota Toxicant Burdens (c) Effluent Water Quality and (d) Toxicity Effects, provided that the modifications called for in the attached Staff Report are followed or sufficient reasons for not following them are provided in their Report of Waste Discharge; and further provided that the data collected from drain samples during the spring and summer of the current unprecedented wet year are either shown to be representative of average drain water quality or can be appropriately adjusted to be representative.

2. That the State Board directs staff to work with the Bureau and other groups to help resolve the concerns expressed on water conservation, drain flow rates, mathematical models and alternative water supplies, before the submittal of the Report of Waste Discharge to the State Board.
3. That the Bureau shall supply in its Report of Waste Discharge to the State Board sufficient information to allow the State Board to find whether the requirements of Water Code Sections 13953.2 (a) through (e) have been satisfied.
4. That the Bureau in its reports to the Central Valley Regional Board regarding permits for drain facilities which may affect ground water, shall supply sufficient information on leakage and alignment of the facilities to allow the Regional Board to find whether the requirements of Water Code Sections 13953.2 (f) and (g) have been satisfied.
5. That the Regional Board is requested to make their findings related to Section 13953.2 (f) and (g) prior to State Board action on the NPDES permit to the San Luis Drain.
6. That the State Board maintains its right to reject the Bureau's Report of Waste Discharge if it is not satisfactory and complete in all areas.

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 April 21, 1983.



Clint Whitney
Executive Director