

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 83-61

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE KLAMATH RIVER BASIN (1A) AND THE NORTH COASTAL
BASIN (1B) REGARDING POLICY ON THE CONTROL OF WATER QUALITY
WITH RESPECT TO INDIVIDUAL (ON-SITE) WASTE TREATMENT AND
DISPOSAL PRACTICES

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan (basin plan) for the Klamath River (1A) and the North Coastal (1B) Basins was adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (Regional Board) in March 1975 and approved by the State Board in May 1975.
2. An amendment to the basin plan entitled "Policy on the Control of Water Quality with Respect to Individual Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices" was adopted by the Regional Board in June 1979 and approved by the State Board in November 1979.
3. Division 7 of the California Water Code specifies that basin plans shall be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
4. Amendments to the above policy were approved by the State Board in February, March, August, and October 1981.
5. On April 28 and July 28, 1983, the Regional Board adopted a complete revision to the policy on individual waste treatment and disposal practices in its Resolution Nos. 83-3 and 83-8, respectively.
6. The non-technical amendments restructure the policy format, simplify much of the written presentation, and eliminate redundancy and obsolete material adopted in the earlier versions.
7. Technical amendments incorporate new or revised criteria for septage disposal, use of fill materials for wastewater treatment and disposal, maintenance responsibility for on-site systems, setback distances from identified unstable land forms, use of water saving devices, mounds as an alternative disposal system; update standards and methods for assessing and evaluating site suitability, dedesignate certain areas presently subject to prohibition of new septic tank discharges, and eliminate the on-site system ban in Geyserville and Campbell Tract Subdivision due to correction of problems encountered in 1981.
8. The Regional Board, in Resolution No. 83-3, also adopted a prohibition of individual waste disposal systems in a portion of Larkfield Estates, Sonoma County, based on the following circumstances:
 - a. The Larkfield Estates area under prohibition (described in and shown on the map of Larkfield Estates, as part of Regional Board Resolution

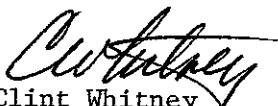
- No. 83-3, attached) has developed as a densely populated residential area.
- b. Regional Board records indicate that the waste discharges from the individual disposal systems have resulted and continue to result in violation of water quality objectives, conditions of pollution within the designated area and adjacent grammar school land, contamination of surface waters, and degradation of water quality.
 - c. Evidence indicates that the above adverse conditions cannot be prevented by repair or relocation of the existing system(s).
 - d. The Sonoma County Health Services Department has concluded that the Larkfield Estates area poses a health problem. Extending sewer lines to the Airport Sewer Assessment District #2 appears to be the only practical solution for Larkfield Estates' pollution problem, as recognized by the Regional Board.
 - e. After notice and public hearing, the Regional Board adopted the discharge prohibition.
9. The State Board concurs that the effluent disposal and surface and ground water conditions warrant prohibition of existing and new individual disposal systems in Larkfield Estates and that all wastewater disposal alternatives that utilize subsurface disposal are unacceptable in this area due to unsuitable hydrogeology. This determination is made after considering the requirements of Water Code Sections 13280, 13281, and 13283.
 10. The Regional Board expressed its intent in Resolution No. 83-8 that Resolution Nos. 83-3 and 83-8 jointly constitute a revision of the on-site disposal system policy and supercede the current policy adopted in 1979.
 11. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board approves the amendment to the basin plan amendment to the Klamath River (1A) and the North Coastal (1B) Basins entitled "Policy on the Control of Water Quality with Respect to On-Site Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices" contained in Regional Board Resolution Nos. 83-3 and 83-8.

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 August 18, 1983.


Clint Whitney
Executive Director