

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 85-4

RECONFIRMING THE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS CONTAINED IN THE 1978 DELTA PLAN, AND REVISING THE BOARD'S SCHEDULE OF HEARINGS AND ACTIONS TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE DELTA PLAN.

WHEREAS:

1. The State Board, in August 1978, adopted a water quality control plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh (Delta Plan) to protect beneficial uses of water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh and to provide for necessary studies intended to develop reliable information regarding the outflow needs of San Francisco Bay.
2. Pursuant to Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act, the State Board must complete a triennial review of the water quality standards in the Delta Plan.
3. The State Board intends to open a new hearing in 1986 to consider revisions to the water quality standards contained in the Delta Plan and new standards for San Francisco Bay.
4. In April 1980, the State Board adopted Resolution No. 80-18 specifying a schedule of hearings and actions to resolve outstanding issues relative to the Delta Plan.
5. On November 7, 1984, the State Board held a public hearing to review and consider the adequacy of the water quality standards in the Delta Plan.
6. At the November 7, 1984 hearing, the State Board also considered the progress and status of ongoing studies to resolve outstanding issues relative to the Delta Plan.
7. The scope of the Delta Plan is limited to flow and salinity-related issues, while non-salinity-related pollutant and toxic issues are addressed by the Regional Boards in the Basin Plans.
8. It is the State Board's policy to review water right applications or petitions to modify water right permits affecting the Delta on a case-by-case basis to ensure that no adverse effects on prior rights and beneficial uses occur.
9. It is the State Board's policy to maintain jurisdiction to modify existing appropriative water rights permits to meet water quality objectives, which have been or hereafter may be established pursuant to the Water Code.

10. The standards contained in the Delta Plan should not be amended at this time, pending completion of studies and preparation of exhibits that will be submitted to the State Board during its hearing planned to commence in 1986, and pending resolution of issues currently before the courts which will affect the Delta.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the water quality standards and Program of Implementation contained in the Delta Plan are reconfirmed and will remain in effect until the Plan is amended as a result of new hearings scheduled to begin in 1986.
2. That the State Board's schedule of hearings and actions to resolve outstanding issues relative to the Delta Plan, adopted in Resolution 80-18, is hereby superceded and revised in accordance with the attached table.

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 17, 1985.



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