

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 89-74

APPROVAL OF THE WETLANDS POLICY PROCEDURAL
GUIDELINES FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (San Francisco Bay Regional Board), as a result of its 1986 Triennial Review of the San Francisco Bay Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) adopted a wetland identification and wetland fill policy through Resolution No. 87-106 on August 19, 1987.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) approved the revised Basin Plan on September 17, 1987 through Resolution No. 87-92.
3. The State Board directed the San Francisco Bay Regional Board to develop procedural guidelines for wetland identification and determination of wetland habitat value.
4. The San Francisco Bay Regional Board held public hearings on April 20, 1988 and June 15, 1988 in Oakland, California to consider evidence concerning the adoption of the Wetland Policy Procedural Guidelines (Guidelines Document).
5. The State Board finds that the new consolidated federal manual entitled "Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands" (Federal Manual) presents a consolidated approach for delineating wetlands for the purpose of Section 404 jurisdictional determinations.
6. The Federal Manual has been adopted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for use in determining the presence and boundaries of wetlands.
7. The concurrence regarding delineation procedures by the four federal agencies should reconcile any differences that might exist in wetland delineation procedures.
8. The San Francisco Bay Regional Board, in the process of adopting the Guidelines Document, changed the title from Implementation Guidelines to Procedural Guidelines to clarify that the document is intended for staff use in making its recommendations to the San Francisco Bay Regional Board; however, the title revision was not incorporated into the adoption Resolution No. 88-111.

9. The State Board must approve all guidelines adopted by Regional Boards pursuant to Water Code Section 13245.5.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board:

1. Approves the San Francisco Bay Regional Board Wetlands Policy Procedural Guidelines with the understanding that the title of the document was incorrectly cited in the San Francisco Bay Regional Board Resolution No. 88-111 as the Wetlands Policy Implementation Guidelines for the San Francisco Bay Region.
2. Approves the use by the staff of the the San Francisco Bay Regional Board of the federal manual entitled "Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands" when making wetland delineation determinations.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the 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 17, 1989.


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