

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 89-93

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD - SANTA ANA REGION, TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION, CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT OF GROUND WATER CONTAMINANTS AND POLLUTANTS WITHIN THE LOWER SANTA ANA RIVER GROUND WATER BASIN.

WHEREAS:

1. The Orange County Water District (hereinafter District) and the Santa Ana Regional Board) share common goals in maintaining, protecting and enhancing the quality of the Lower Santa Ana River Ground Water Basin (hereinafter Basin).
2. A Memorandum of Understanding exists between the District and Santa Ana Regional Board for the purpose of establishing a cooperative and coordinated framework for the investigation, cleanup and abatement of ground water contaminants and pollutants within the Basin, within the boundaries of the District.
3. Total dissolved solids (TDS) and nitrates in the Lower Chino Ground Water Basin and discharges of hazardous wastes from various sources within the Basin, have caused, or threaten to cause, pollution of the Basin.
4. The time available to Santa Ana Regional Board staff to investigate and direct cleanup of hazardous waste discharges within the Basin, and to investigate and abate the impacts of TDS and nitrates in the Lower Chino Ground Water Basin, is limited by available budgeted resources.
5. Protection and enhancement of the quality of the Basin is partially dependent on the level of Santa Ana Regional Board staff resources dedicated to this task.
6. The District has directed its staff to initiate a contract with the Santa Ana Regional Board to fund two additional staff positions at the Santa Ana Regional Board for a period of two years, and has included funding in the District's 1989-90 Budget for this purpose.
7. Augmenting existing Santa Ana Regional Board staff resources dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of the Basin will benefit the people of the State of California and the residents and water users within the boundaries of the District.
8. The State Water Resources Control Board would like to evaluate, on a pilot basis, this concept to determine its potential for providing resources to address issues of critical concern between Regional Water Quality Control Boards and local water districts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, of the Santa Ana Regional Board to contract with the Orange County Water District to provide resources for two Regional Board staff positions for investigative work in the Lower Santa Ana River Basin in an amount not to exceed \$212,000 for a two-year period. The staff positions resulting from these resources will be totally under the direction of the Board, with the only tie to the District being the funding mechanism and the only limitations being the geographical area and category of projects to which the resources will be dedicated. The Board further directs the Executive Director to provide a report, upon completion of the contract period, which identifies the benefits of this effort.

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 October 19, 1989.

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