

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 96-078

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE WATER
QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER
AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS

WHEREAS:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan) on December 9, 1994 under Resolution No. 94-380.
2. On May 3, 1996 following a public hearing, the CVRWQCB adopted Resolution No. 96-147 (attached) which amends the Basin Plan by regulating agricultural subsurface drainage discharges to Grassland Watershed surface waters and the Lower San Joaquin River.
3. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) finds that there is substantial evidence to show that the proposed amendment complies with the requirements of Section 13241 of the California Water Code (CWC) and SWRCB Resolution No. 68-16 (antidegradation policy).
4. Section 13240 of the CWC specifies that Basin Plans be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
5. The CVRWQCB staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.
6. This Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and until regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Approves CVRWQCB Resolution No. 96-147 amending the Comprehensive Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Valley Region for regulating agricultural subsurface drainage discharges to Grassland Watershed surface waters and the lower San Joaquin River.

2. Authorizes the SWRCB staff to submit the approved revised Basin Plan amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and regulatory provisions to the OAL for approval.
3. Within three years after the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) notifies the CVRWQCB that specific water bodies support threatened or endangered species listed pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act, and that scientific evidence indicates that certain existing water quality objectives for these water bodies do not adequately protect such species, the CVRWQCB shall determine, in consultation with DFG, whether these objectives are adequately protective. In cases where such existing objectives do not provide adequate protection for such threatened and endangered species, the CVRWQCB shall develop and adopt adequately protective site-specific objectives for these constituents.

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 September 19, 1996.



Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board

16

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

MAY 1996
RECEIVED
DIVISION OF
WATER QUALITY
CONTROL

RESOLUTION NO. 96-147

AMENDING THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR
THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS
TO ADDRESS THE CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE

WHEREAS, The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Board) adopted the third edition of the Water Quality Control Plan (hereafter Basin Plan) for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins on 9 December 1994; and

WHEREAS, The State Water Resources Control Board (hereafter State Board) approved the Basin Plan on 16 February 1995; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved the Basin Plan on 9 May 1995; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency disapproved some of the selenium objectives in the Basin Plan and promulgated selenium criteria in accordance with Section 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, It is the Board's responsibility to establish water quality objectives in the Basin Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Basin Plan may be amended in accordance with Section 13240, et seq., of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, The Board has prepared an amendment to the Basin Plan which designates beneficial uses, adopts selenium water quality objectives, and adopts a program of implementation for those objectives; and

WHEREAS, The Board circulated drafts of the proposed amendments and held workshops to hear testimony regarding the proposals on 23 June 1995, 22 September 1995, and 7 December 1995; and

WHEREAS, The Board has prepared and circulated a report titled *Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins for the Control of Agricultural Subsurface Drainage Discharges*, dated March 1996, (hereafter Staff Report); and

RESOLUTION NO. 96-147
AMENDING THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS

-2-

#16

WHEREAS, The Staff Report contains an environmental checklist, a review of alternatives and other information needed to serve as a functional equivalent document in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15250 and following; and

WHEREAS, The Board found that no significant adverse environmental impacts would result from the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on 3 May 1996 to receive testimony related to the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, An amendment to the Basin Plan must be approved by the State Board and the OAL before becoming effective: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board approves the Staff Report, as amended, as a functional equivalent document under CEQA for the Basin Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board adopts the amendments to the Basin Plan as contained in the Staff Report, as amended; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board is requested to approve the amendments to the Basin Plan in accordance with Sections 13245 and 13246 of the California Water Code and to request OAL approval of the amendments.

I, WILLIAM H. CROOKS, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 3 May 1996.


WILLIAM H. CROOKS, Executive Officer

AMENDED 3 May 1996