

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 75-77

APPROVAL OF WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE  
NORTH LAHONTAN BASIN (6A)

WHEREAS:

1. It is the responsibility of the State Board and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, to regulate the activities and factors which affect or may affect the quality of the waters of the State in order to attain the highest water quality which is reasonable, considering all demands being made and to be made on those waters, and the beneficial uses involved.
2. Regulation 40 CFR 131.202, pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-500), requires each state to submit water quality control plans for all basin planning areas within the state by July 1, 1975.
3. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, has conducted public hearings after notice to all interested persons, in accordance with PL 92-500 and the California Water Code, and has considered the evidence introduced at those hearings. The Regional Board subsequently adopted the water quality control plan for the North Lahontan Basin (6A).
4. Section 13245 of the Water Code provides that the State Board must approve all water quality control plans and revisions thereof before they become effective.
5. The water quality control plans are a part of the State's continuing planning process and will be updated annually to reflect changing conditions.
6. Issues, particularly those noted in the water quality control plan and identified in public hearings, which are not fully resolved in the plan at this time will be considered during the scheduled revisions of the plan.
7. Part I of the water quality control plan includes all necessary elements of a water quality control plan in accordance with Sections 13241 and 13242 of the Water Code and federal requirements, and Part II consists of supportive planning information.
8. The approval of water quality control plans is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Section 15108 of the State EIR Guidelines (California Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3), and Section 2714(d), Subchapter 17, Chapter 3, Title 23, California Administrative Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board approves Part I of the water quality control plan for the North Lahontan Basin (6A) in accordance with Section 13245 of the Water Code with the understanding that the stipulated control actions set forth in Chapter V are to be implemented, but that identified actions set forth in Chapter V other than control actions are recommendations to be taken under consideration by the State Board, Regional Board, and other appropriate agencies.
2. That approval of Part I of the plan does not mandate the construction of facilities or mandate activities outside of the State Board's jurisdiction.
3. That the State Board shall file a notice of exemption in accordance with Section 15074 of the State EIR Guidelines.
4. That the Executive Officer is directed to forward copies of the water quality control plan for the North Lahontan Basin (6A) to the Environmental Protection Agency in fulfillment of the requirements of PL 92-500.

CERTIFICATION

The State Water Resources Control Board has determined that there is no state mandate for a new program or increased level of service on any unit of local government as a result of the foregoing resolution because such resolution is not an executive regulation pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 2209.

The undersigned, Executive Officer 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 July 17, 1975.

*Bill B. Dendy*

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Executive Officer

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

TO: State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Secretary for Resources  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: State of California  
State Water Resources  
Control Board  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1015  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Water Quality Control Plan for North Lahontan Basin (6A), California

Project Location - Specific: Hydrographic areas within the North Lahontan Basin (6A)

Project Location - County: Portions of Modoc, Lassen, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Alpine, and Mono Counties.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Nature: To fulfill the responsibility delegated to the State Water Resources Control Board under Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 and the State's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act

Purpose: To determine the future direction of water quality control for the protection of California's waters

Beneficiaries: People of the State of California

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Lahontan Region. Approved by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, and State Water Resources Control Board

Exempt Status:

Ministerial (Sec. 15073)

Declared Emergency (Sec. 15071(a))

Emergency Project (Sec. 15071(b) and (c))

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:  
California Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6,  
Section 15108, "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for  
Protection of the Environment"

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Section 2714(d)(2) of the State Water Resources Control Board Regulations for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (California Administrative Code, Title 23, Chapter 3, Subchapter 17) lists "adoption of water quality control plans" as categorically exempt in conformance with Section 15108 of the California Resources Agency Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (cited above).

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Bill B. Dendy, Executive Officer