

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 75- 80

APPROVAL OF WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE
SACRAMENTO RIVER, SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA,
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, AND TULARE LAKE BASINS

WHEREAS:

1. It is the responsibility of the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley 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, or with an extension from the Regional Administrator of EPA no later than July 1, 1976.
3. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley 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 plans for the Sacramento River, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, San Joaquin River, and Tulare Lake Basins.
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 State Board held a hearing on August 12, 1975, at which time testimony was received from interested persons regarding the proposed water quality control plans.
6. The water quality control plans are a part of the State's continuing planning process and will be updated annually to reflect changing conditions including but not limited to the Delta water quality objectives.
7. Issues which are not fully resolved in the plans at this time will be considered during the scheduled revisions of the plans.
8. The State Board will reopen the Delta water rights hearings not later than July 1, 1978, for the purpose of receiving further

evidence relating to salinity control, protection of fish and wildlife in the Delta, and coordination of terms and conditions of the permits involved in Decision 1379 with terms and conditions arising in subsequent decisions concerning the Delta.

9. By approval of these plans the Board does not intend to affect negotiations among various Delta water agencies and the state and federal governments regarding agreements on water quality and water quantity in the Delta.
10. The State Board will be holding public hearings for the purpose of revising the water quality objectives, as appropriate, prior to July 1, 1978.
11. Any additional flow releases required to implement the water quality objectives will be determined by separate water rights hearings pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Title 23, California Administrative Code.
12. Part I of the water quality control plans includes all necessary elements of water quality control plans in accordance with Sections 13241 and 13242 of the Water Code and federal requirements, and Part II consists of supportive planning information.
13. 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 plans for the Sacramento River, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, San Joaquin River, and Tulare Lake Basins 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 plans 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 staffs of the State and Regional Boards are directed to immediately begin the review of the water quality objectives contained in these plans under the State's continuous planning program with particular emphasis on the beneficial uses and water quality objectives in the Delta, and to propose appropriate modifications thereto, working closely with all interested persons.
5. That approval of the water quality objectives in Part I of the plans should not be construed as representing final action by the State Board on water quality objectives and that water quality objectives may be modified under the State Board's Continuous Planning Process if necessary to protect beneficial uses of the State's water resources.
6. That the Executive Officer is directed to forward copies of the water quality control plans for the Sacramento River, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, San Joaquin River, and Tulare Lake Basins 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 August 21, 1975.



Bill B. Dendy
Executive Officer