

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 72-83

COMMENDING JOHN OLAF NELSON

WHEREAS:

1. John Olaf Nelson was employed by the Board in February of 1971 to implement a new grants management program for the distribution of both State and Federal Clean Water funds.
2. He immediately set to work to provide the regulations and guidelines needed in the program to insure the most cost-effective investment of these funds.
3. He supervised or produced directly such important management tools as "Clean Water Grant Program Regulations", "Project Report Guidelines", "Revenue Program Guidelines", "Operations and Maintenance Manual Guidelines", and instructions for "Preparation of Environmental Impact Statements".
4. Because of his insight into local district problems, particularly that of "cash-flow", he was able to develop "Guidelines for Accelerated Grant Payments".
5. Because of his sensitivity to the public need, he produced "Guidelines for Holding Public Hearings", which has become a helpful aid for local districts who are seeking grants.
6. Through his knowledge of the Federal and State administrative systems and through his own personal drive, he negotiated an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency which will eliminate duplication of effort by specifying procedures and areas of coordination, greatly expediting the clean water effort which is so vital to California.
7. Perhaps most of all, John's leadership of the Clean Water Grant Team created one of the most efficient and effective operating units in the State Board organization.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board expresses its deep appreciation to John Olaf Nelson for his work in providing a firm foundation for California's Clean Water Grant Program that will stand for many years and will serve as an example to all states.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board congratulates John Olaf Nelson for a job well done.
3. The State Water Resources Control Board extends its best wishes to John Olaf Nelson and his family for a prosperous and fruitful future in his chosen endeavors.

CERTIFICATION

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 December 21, 1972.

*Bill B. Dendy*

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Executive Officer