

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 78-40

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR
THE SANTA CLARA RIVER BASIN (4A)

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, adopted Resolution No. 78-2 on March 27, 1978, amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Santa Clara River Basin (4A);
2. The Basin Plan amendments provide for numerous changes to water quality objectives for both surface and groundwaters and such changes are predominantly increases in numerical objectives for total dissolved solids (TDS) and reflect corrections to existing basin plan objectives;
3. The Basin Plan amendments provide for extensive revision to surface water beneficial use designations, predominantly to aquatic habitat designations of COLD and WARM Freshwater Habitat;
4. The beneficial use designations of COLD and WARM Freshwater Habitat have been controversial due to lack of clear definition.
5. The Basin Plan amendments provide minor revisions to the text regarding water quality objectives consistent with State Board Policies; and
6. The Soil Conservation Service requested recognition of critical habitat of the endangered species, the unarmored three spined stickleback (Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni), in the upper Santa Clara River and such recognition would require a beneficial use designation of RARE for preservation of rare and endangered species.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

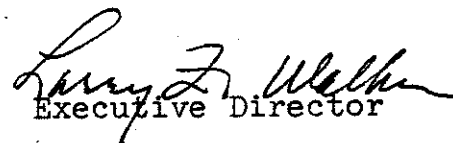
That the Board:

1. Approves Resolution No. 78-2 of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board which revises the Water Quality Control Plan, Santa Clara River Basin (4A) for all amendments except those which change COLD and WARM Freshwater Aquatic Habitat designations.

2. Directs staff to review the definitions for COLD and WARM Freshwater Aquatic Habitat beneficial use designations and recommend revised definitions to the Board at its September Workshop.
3. Requests the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to consider the beneficial use designation of RARE for the Upper Santa Clara River for protection of the unarmored three spined stikleback.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director 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 20, 1978.


Executive Director