

Judge

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 78-63

ADOPTION OF THE VENTURA AREA 208 PLAN

WHEREAS:

1. In March 1974, the Board designated the Ventura Regional County Sanitation District (VRCSD) as the Areawide Waste Treatment Planning Agency for the Ventura Area pursuant to Section 208 of PL 92-500;
2. VRCSD received a grant from EPA for \$928,000 to carry out a two-year planning effort;
3. In June 1976, the Board approved VRCSD's workplan for preparation of the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (208 plan) for the Ventura Area;
4. The principal objectives of the Ventura 208 planning effort were to:
 - A. Coordinate 208 planning responsibility with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board;
 - B. Identify nonpoint sources of pollution, primarily groundwater mineralization and seawater intrusion;
 - C. Develop treatment facilities needed to meet the 1983 goals of PL 92-500;
 - D. Develop a detailed financing and implementation plan;
 - E. Further evaluate Section 303(e) basin plan alternatives;
 - F. Develop environmental, social, and economic assessments;
 - G. Develop local support for plan implementation; and
 - H. Develop water quality objectives and controls for stormwater runoff.
5. The Ventura Regional County Sanitation District Board of Directors approved and adopted the 208 plan on July 20, 1978;
6. Those elements contained in the 208 Areawide Waste Treatment Management Plan, as supported by the Technical Appendices, which pertain to water quality and were reviewed and recommended by the complete 208/Regional Land Use Program, are the 208 plan to be considered for adoption by the Board as fulfilling the requirements of Section 208 of PL 92-500;
7. The plan conforms to the provisions of the workplan with the exception of those elements which analyze industrial source control needs;
8. The plan is in conformance with the provisions of Section 208 of PL 92-500 and federal planning regulations contained in Title 40 CFR, Parts 130 and 131;

9. The plan conforms with all state and local legislation, regulations, or other requirements or plans regarding land use and protection of the environment;
10. The Environmental Impact Report for the plan has identified significant environmental effects for the following projects: (1) Water Quality Management Pipeline; (2) Improved Saticoy Diversion; and (3) wastewater reclamation projects affecting instream flow. Mitigation measures for such effects are neither incorporated into the plan nor found to be infeasible by the final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the plan;
11. The plan is consistent with the water quality needs of the area regarding seawater intrusion on the Oxnard Plain;
12. The plan recommends specific short, intermediate, and long-term measures which, if implemented, will halt the intrusion of seawater by reducing the overdraft;
13. The population and land use projections developed during the initial planning stages caused significant controversy amongst local government and the private sector of Ventura County; and
14. Measures to mitigate or avoid the significant environmental effects resulting from the projected population growth are neither incorporated into the plan nor found to be infeasible by the final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board, acting for the Governor of the State of California:

1. Adopts the aforementioned water quality elements of the Areawide Waste Treatment Management Plan for the Ventura Area in fulfillment of Section 208 of PL 92-500 with the following qualifications:
 - A. The Ventura Area 208 Plan represents an initial planning effort and, as such, must be carefully reviewed and revised, if appropriate, as part of the continuing planning process;
 - B. Before the Board can designate all of the management agencies necessary, the designated agency must provide evidence that the agencies are capable and willing to assume responsibility for carrying out specific identified actions;
 - C. The designated agency will, within ninety days, prepare a detailed implementation plan for the Industrial Waste Source Control Recommendations in the 208 plan. Since source control measures directly affect the feasibility of the wastewater reclamation recommendations, the relationship of effluent quality and agricultural usage must be evaluated. The plan should contain a listing of chemical constituents, abatement measures, enforcement authority and all specific implementing agencies, and a time schedule for implementation.

- D. Further analyses will be performed in continuing planning on specific intermediate and long-term solutions to seawater intrusion. Workplan elements and a time schedule for completion of these analyses shall be prepared by December 1, 1978:
- (1) The recommendations for wastewater reclamation must be accelerated by providing a regionwide analysis of ongoing projects, specifically wastewater reclamation planning, present direct and indirect usage of reclaimed wastewater, and potential for early implementation of reclamation plans through Section 201 grants. The analysis shall include a specific identification of any significant environmental effects and specific measures required to mitigate these effects. The designated agency and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board shall be jointly responsible for this action;
 - (2) An economic analysis must be provided for the Water Quality Management Pipeline and the Improved Saticoy Diversion with full participation of those agencies responsible for their financial obligation. A thorough analysis of the environmental impacts must be made of the water diversion structures recommended in the 208 plan on existing and historical instream beneficial uses with recommended mitigation measures. Approval of these elements of the plan is withheld until completion of the analysis and further recommendations from the 208 process; and
 - (3) The modified pumping pattern shall be the subject of a brief analysis coordinated with the above tasks to accelerate implementation unless new information shows a better alternative.
- E. The Board approves of the use of the 208 plan population projections, as contained in the final Land Use Plan for use in accordance with Section 2133(c) of the Clean Water Grant Regulations, with the condition that an initial study of the environmental impacts associated with the projections will be provided to all the policy boards prior to approval for planning purposes. Mitigation measures shall be incorporated into the plan for all significant environmental impacts identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment. The approved projections and Environmental Impact Assessment shall be completed within one year;
- F. During the continuing planning process, the Board supports the concept of regional review and input via the 208 process in the 201 grant program. The designated agency is encouraged to develop a 201/208 review process as part of the continuing planning workplan. Any such process shall be subject to approval by the Board;
- G. The twenty-year project list of municipal wastewater facilities, which is adopted as a part of the Ventura Area 208 Plan, will be updated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and coordinated with the designated agency as a part of the continuing planning process; and

- H. Although the continuing planning process is an integral part of the Ventura 208 Plan, Board approval of continuing planning elements will be based on an acceptable workplan prepared in accordance with Planning Program Guidance Memorandum No. 11 and this resolution.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit the 208 plan for the Ventura Area to EPA for approval with the stipulation that the water quality management plan for the Ventura Area is comprised of both the 208 plan as prepared by VRCSD and the water quality control plans (basin plan) for the Santa Clara River Basin.

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 October 19, 1978.


Executive Director