

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 84-24
REPORT ON RICE HERBICIDES ORDRAM (MOLINATE) AND BOLERO (THIOBENCARB)

WHEREAS:

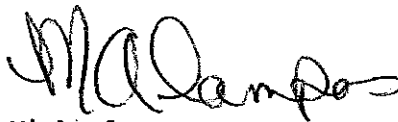
1. Toxics Special Project staff has prepared a comprehensive report on the rice herbicides Ordram (molinate) and Bolero (thiobencarb);
2. The report incorporates peer review comments from scientists recognized in the fields of environmental chemistry and toxicology, as well as technical comments from scientists of other state agencies and special interest groups;
3. The major findings of this report are included in the staff summary to this agenda item;
4. Because molinate and thiobencarb residues have been detected in Sacramento Valley water, fish and sediment samples during the period when carp kills have occurred in agricultural drains and sloughs, and public complaints of objectionable taste in Sacramento drinking water supplies have increased, every effort should be made to mitigate and ultimately prevent further contamination by these rice herbicides.
5. In view of these findings, staff developed several recommendations for mitigating the impacts of rice herbicides on beneficial uses of water. These recommendations involve several state agencies; and
6. The Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA) is the primary state agency with authority to regulate pesticide use in California. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the Director of DFA to consult with other state agencies on environmental impacts of pesticide use. The DFA Policy and Registration/Evaluation Committees are appropriate forums for resolution of pesticide problems such as the known and potential threats to surface water quality in the Sacramento Valley from rice herbicides.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board approve the report on rice herbicides - Ordram (molinate) and Bolero (thiobencarb).
2. That specific recommendations in the report be transmitted to the Department of Food and Agriculture or other affected state agencies for their consideration; and
3. That staff be instructed to work with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to develop a policy for implementation of those recommendations requiring State and Regional Board action.

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 March 15, 1984.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Campos", written in a cursive style.

Michael A. Campos
Executive Director