

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 84-34

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE TULARE LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND OTHER AGENCIES TO HELP FUND CONSTRUCTION OF A PILOT MARSH FACILITY AT THE KERN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

WHEREAS:

1. A solution must be found for the problem of agricultural drainage and waste disposal in the San Joaquin Valley.
2. Inland waterfowl habitat is a precious and diminishing resource in California.
3. A Pilot Marsh Study Plan has been prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, proposing an inter-agency study, including construction of a pilot marsh facility at the Kern National Wildlife Refuge, to determine the feasibility of using marshes to: (1) reduce the volume of agricultural wastewater needing disposal in the San Joaquin Valley, and (2) provide much-needed inland habitat for waterfowl.
4. The Central Valley Regional Board strongly supports this project, as it would directly tie into their efforts to develop a salt management plan for the lower San Joaquin Valley.
5. Other State agencies, as well as federal and local agencies, will provide an additional \$825,000 for the construction of this facility.
6. The Tulare Lake Drainage District will provide the agricultural wastewater, and will direct and oversee all construction activities for the project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board authorizes the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and execute a contract for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the purpose of helping to fund construction of a pilot marsh facility at the Kern National Wildlife Refuge.

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 May 17, 1984.



Michael A. Campos
Executive Director