

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 90-37

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION  
(SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL BOARD) WITH REGARD TO DREDGE  
SPOIL DISPOSAL PRACTICES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

WHEREAS:

1. The San Francisco Bay Regional Board adopted an amendment to its Regional Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) revising the Policy on Dredging and Disposal of Dredge Spoil in the San Francisco Bay area (Dredging Policy) on July 19, 1989.
2. The revisions adopted by the San Francisco Bay Regional Board included a prohibition on the disposal of dredged sediment from new work projects in San Francisco Bay by December 31, 1991.
3. On January 19, 1990, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), through Resolution No. 90-10, approved all revisions to the Dredging Policy with the exception of the new work dredged sediment disposal prohibition.
4. Under Resolution No. 90-10 the State Board convened an informal workshop on February 7, 1990 to determine progress toward the development of firm commitments and work schedules for designating ocean and nonaquatic (e.g., upland) sediment disposal sites.
5. On February 27, 1990, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) convened a meeting to present a draft workplan to develop a Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) for the disposal of dredged sediment in the San Francisco Bay area.
6. The LTMS workplan contains specific work elements, cost estimates, and project duration estimates to develop an ocean disposal site, to assess in Bay dredge disposal, and to develop a nonaquatic guidance document.
7. The LTMS process is projected to require 53 months to complete at an estimated cost ranging from \$10.1 to \$11.3 million.
8. As evidenced by the draft LTMS workplan from the COE, significant progress is being made through the COE LTMS to address the problem of dredged sediment disposal in the greater San Francisco Bay area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board:

1. Recommends the San Francisco Bay Regional Board withhold further action on the prohibition of dredged sediment disposal from new work projects in San Francisco Bay until the LTMS process is finalized. In the event that critical milestone dates in the LTMS workplan or Item No. 6 below are not achieved, the San Francisco Bay Regional Board should consider resubmittal of an appropriate prohibition for State Board consideration.
2. Recommends that the San Francisco Bay Regional Board continue to participate in the LTMS process and provide the necessary assistance to achieve a satisfactory and lasting solution to the dredged sediment disposal problems in the San Francisco Bay area.
3. Requests the San Francisco Bay Regional Board to advise the State Board of its plan to fund elements of the LTMS Program and to report on its accomplishments and problems to the State Board annually, commencing in July 1990.
4. Urge the LTMS Task Force to develop an interim strategy for the management of dredged sediment disposal in the San Francisco Bay until the LTMS process is finalized.
5. Delegate to the Executive Director of the State Board the authority to negotiate and execute the LTMS workplan.
6. Direct the San Francisco Bay Regional Board to monitor progress on the following LTMS tasks and milestones:

Ocean Project:

- A. Initiation of the preliminary survey of the areas within the Zone of Siting Feasibility (ZSF) by July 1990.
- B. Completion of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by July 1992.
- C. Designation of an ocean disposal site by January 1994.

In Bay Project:

- A. Initiation of in-Bay project tasks by July 1990.

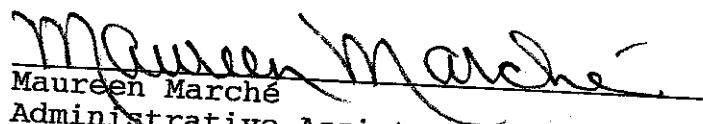
- B. Completion of in-Bay assessment of dredged sediment disposal, regional monitoring program, and sediment objectives by July 1993.

Nonaquatic Project:

- A. Initiation of nonaquatic project tasks by July 1990.
- B. Completion of a general guidance document on the disposal of dredged sediment to nonaquatic sites by September 1992.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the 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 April 19, 1990.

  
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