

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 80-10

Policy for the Regulation of Dredged Sediment Disposal in the San Francisco Bay Region.

- I. WHEREAS, this Regional Board has, in Resolution No. 68-32, stated its policy with respect to water quality degradation caused by dredging operations in the San Francisco Bay Region; and
- II. WHEREAS, this Board has, in Resolution 72-4, adopted an interim amendment to Resolution 68-32; and
- III. WHEREAS, this Board has, in Resolution 72-15, adopted a policy with respect to the regulation of dredged spoil disposal in San Francisco Bay, and rescinded Resolution 72-4; and
- IV. WHEREAS, in part IX(2) of Resolution 72-15, the Board has expressed its intent to employ the most recent technical information as guidelines with respect to dredged spoil disposal in San Francisco Bay; and
- V. WHEREAS, the Regional Board staff participated in workshops conducted by the Corps of Engineers to discuss and comment on the development of regional procedures for evaluating discharges of dredged material into waters of the United States; and
- VI. WHEREAS, on July 30, 1979, in Public Notice 78-1, the Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, promulgated regional procedures for evaluating discharges of dredged material into waters of the United States; and
- VII. WHEREAS, Public Notice 78-1 supplements the Corps of Engineers' present regulations for evaluating such discharges; and
- VIII. WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has stated its intent to be responsible for the administration of the new procedures stipulated in Public Notice 78-1; and
- IX. WHEREAS, this Regional Board has prepared a negative declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the State guidelines, and the Board determines that there will be no substantial adverse change in the environment as a result of the project; and
- X. Whereas, on August 5, 1980, this Board held a public hearing and heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the policy of this Regional Board regarding the disposal of dredged sediment in San Francisco Bay shall be as follows:

1. The Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, will administer the routine elements (sediment, water column, and biological testing methods, and data analysis) of the regional procedures for evaluating discharges of dredged material into waters of the United States.
2. The Regional Board's Executive Officer will evaluate data collected pursuant to Public Notice 78-1, and may require additional data collection as deemed necessary. Proposed projects will be reviewed to determine the need for waste discharge requirements.
3. If exceptions to meeting the standards in Public Notice 78-1 are proposed by the Corps of Engineers, the Regional Board Executive Officer may recommend that a federal permit for the dredging operation not be issued until the matter of the exception has been satisfactorily resolved by concerned local, state and federal agencies.
4. For projects involving disposal of dredged material at sites other than those historically used for dredged material disposal, the following shall apply:
 - A. The Executive Officer will coordinate closely with the Corps of Engineers and other concerned agencies regarding the designation of environmentally acceptable disposal sites for small projects.
 - B. At the discretion of the Executive Officer, dredged disposal impact monitoring may be required. The purpose of such monitoring is to detect changes which may adversely affect beneficial uses of a body of water not previously used as a dredged material disposal site. The Regional Board may prohibit future dredged material disposal at a site if data indicate that significant or irreversible adverse impacts are occurring, or if the disposal of dredged material is not in compliance with waste discharge requirements, or any other order of this Board.
5. Only that dredged material which is Bay sediment shall be disposed of in San Francisco Bay.
6. Be it further resolved that the Board encourages the establishment of a central location for storage and retrieval of all data related to dredging which are now being acquired by various agencies and urges the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers to develop such a data storage and retrieval system for use by concerned agencies and the public.
7. Be it further resolved, that the Board strongly urges the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers to diligently expand feasibility studies of alternative dredged material disposal methods including land disposal, levee repair, construction related activities, agricultural uses, and reclamation.

8. Be it further resolved, that this Regional Board adopts the policies set forth within this document and rescinds Resolution Nos. 68-3 and 72-15 to become effective upon approval by the State Water Resources Control Board.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on August 5, 1980.

FRED H. DIERKER
Executive Officer