

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 74-33

AUTHORIZING AN EXCEPTION TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CONTROL OF TEMPERATURE IN THE COASTAL AND INTERSTATE WATERS AND ENCLOSED BAYS AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE CITY OF NEEDLES' MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGE INTO THE COLORADO RIVER

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region adopted Resolution No. 74-34 dated February 14, 1974, which grants exception to Specific Water Quality Objective 1.A. of the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California", and provides for alternative water quality objectives as contained in waste discharge requirements for the City of Needles (CA 0104205), adopted March 14, 1974 by the Regional Board.
2. Objective 1.A., Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California, prohibits the discharge of elevated temperature waste into cold interstate waters.
3. The City of Needles discharges an elevated temperature municipal wastewater into a portion of the Colorado River classified as a cold interstate water.
4. The City of Needles requests exception to Specific Water Quality Objective 1.A. of the Thermal Plan under General Water Quality Provision 4.D. of the Thermal Plan which provides for exceptions upon a finding that:

"Compliance by existing dischargers with specific water quality objectives would require modification of operations or facilities not commensurate with benefit to the aquatic environment."
5. The Regional Board conducted physical studies of the thermal aspect of the discharge.
6. Compliance with less stringent requirements will assure the protection of all beneficial uses of the receiving waters including, but not limited to, protection and propagation of a balanced indigenous population of shellfish, fish and wildlife on or in the water.
7. Alternatives for compliance by the City of Needles with Specific Water Quality Objective 1.A. would require modifications not commensurate with benefit to the aquatic environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Water Resources Control Board concurs in granting an exception to Specific Water Quality Objective 1.A. of the "Water Quality Control Plan for the Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California" for the City of Needles' municipal wastewater discharge into the Colorado River.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Officer 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 April 18, 1974.

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Executive Officer