

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 76-49

APPROVING ORDERS NOS. 76-93 and 76-94 OF THE NORTH COASTAL
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD AMENDING THE WATER
QUALITY CONTROL PLANS, KLAMATH RIVER BASIN (1A) AND NORTH
COASTAL BASIN (1B)

WHEREAS:

1. At its March 25, 1976, meeting, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Orders Nos. 76-93 and 76-94 which amend the Water Quality Control Plans, Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coastal Basin (1B), as follows:

- a. Adds a second paragraph to the existing pesticides objective. The new paragraph merely recognizes the existence of a state law which limits concentrations of specific pesticides in domestic or municipal water supplies.
- b. Modifies the Regional Board's "Policy on the Control of Water Quality with Respect to Individual Waste Treatment and Disposal Facilities" (septic tank policy) to clarify the relationship between state and local regulations. The policy continues to provide that County Health Officers may issue waivers of specific guidelines or criteria when they determine that public health would not be endangered as a result of such waivers.
- c. Identifies the following specific areas in which no waivers may be issued:
 - (1) Portions of the Community of Happy Camp, Siskiyou County,
 - (2) Portions of the Weaverville Basin, Trinity County,
 - (3) Russian River Sanitation District,
 - (4) Portions of the Laytonville County Water District, and
 - (5) The Wikiup-Larkfield Area, Sonoma County.

New septic tanks or other individual systems in these areas must comply with all provisions of the Regional Board's "septic tank policy".

- d. Modifies the Humboldt Bay Action Plan to be consistent with the provisions of the State Water Resources Control Board's "Water Quality Control Policy for the Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California".
- e. Updates language pertaining to plans for sewerage facilities in Humboldt Bay and the Santa Rosa Plains, and makes other minor changes.

2. Amendments regarding the "septic tank policy", the Humboldt Bay Action Plan, and water quality objectives for pesticides satisfy requests made by the State Board in their approval of both basin plans and satisfy, in part, EPA approval conditions for Chapters 2 and 4 of both basin plans.
3. Amendments prohibiting new septic tanks in specific areas are reasonable and necessary in light of the threat of contamination of surface and groundwaters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board approves Orders Nos. 76-93 and 76-94 of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board amending the Water Quality Control Plans for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coast Basin (1B).
2. That in implementing the "septic tank policy" the Regional Board should obtain from each County Health Officer an agreement to report all waivers of the policy to the Regional Board Executive Officer for his consideration of approval or disapproval.

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 May 20, 1976.

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