

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 78-26

COMMENDING THE STAFF OF THE
CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
FOR THEIR CREATIVE AND EXPEDITIOUS ACTION IN REMOVING
THE DANGER OF POLLUTION TO THE MOKELUMNE RIVER
AND LAKE CAMANCHE FROM TOXIC MINE WASTE DISCHARGE

WHEREAS:

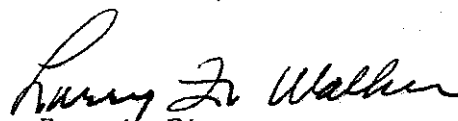
1. The discharge from the abandoned New Penn Mine has caused periodic pollution of the Mokelumne River and Lake Camanche for many years.
2. Toxic discharges from the mine have caused extensive fish kills in the River and the Lake, amounting to more than 23,000 fish in the fall of 1977 alone.
3. The Regional Board adopted a Cleanup and Abatement Order on September 30, 1977, requiring corrective actions.
4. The mine is owned by a defunct corporation which does not have the resources to correct the situation.
5. The staff of the Central Valley Regional Board coordinated with three other state agencies, the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and the East Bay Municipal Utility District to fund and construct facilities, including a dam costing about \$100,000, to keep pollutants from the River and the Lake.
6. The timing of the construction of facilities, particularly the dam, is critical because they must be completed before the Lake fills in June, 1978.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board commends the Regional Board staff, and particularly TED FENNER and JACK DELCONTE, for their creative approach and expeditious action in cutting red tape to solve a critical and long-standing water pollution problem.

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 18, 1978.


Executive Director