

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 78-81

AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES SALINITY
LABORATORY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE FOR A STUDY INTO THE WATER
QUALITY NEEDS OF SUBIRRIGATED ORGANIC SOIL
OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

WHEREAS:

1. The determination of the reasonable water quality needs of Delta agriculture is an essential element in establishing water quality standards to protect this use consistent with vested rights.
2. The information on water quality needs used to develop the standards for Delta agriculture contained in Water Right Decision 1485 and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh (Delta Plan) indicate that the unique practice of subirrigation carried out over a large area of the Delta requires extremely good water quality.
3. There is general agreement among both Delta and export interests that this information needs to be refined prior to future Board review of Delta standards.
4. The Board has expressed its desire to review the adequacy of the Delta Plan within 3 years.
5. The Board has reserved jurisdiction in the water rights permits of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project allowing the Board to modify the water quality standards contained in these permits which protect Delta agriculture.
6. To obtain meaningful results the required studies will take at least three years to complete, the funding for which shall come out of the budget for fiscal years 1978-1979, 1979-1980, and 1980-1981, proportional to the work carried out in each of those years.
7. The U. S. Salinity Laboratory and the University of California have expressed interest in conducting the required studies over a three-year period and will contribute some personnel and equipment costs to the program.

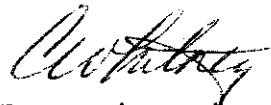
8. The Department of Water Resources has agreed to provide funding equal to that of the State Board toward the remaining costs of the program.
9. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has agreed to provide and install necessary weather equipment at the study location.
10. This project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and therefore qualifies for a Class 6 exemption under regulations pertaining to CEQA, specifically Section 2714(e) of Title 23 of the California Administrative Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute joint or separate agreements with the U.S. Salinity Laboratory, University of California, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Department of Water Resources as necessary to develop information on quality needs of subirrigated soils of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 and for a duration not to exceed three years subject to equal funding from the Department of Water Resources and further subject to the availability of Board funds in the Governor's budget in the fiscal years 1979-1980 and 1980-1981.
2. That the Executive Director is directed to file a Notice of Exemption for this project under CEQA with the Secretary for Resources.

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 December 21, 1978.



Executive Director

(C. Whitney)