

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 79-15

DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DIVISION CHIEFS  
TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS:

1. The intent of the State Board is to afford the public the maximum opportunity to comment on proposed courses of action and related environmental documents before the actions are taken.
2. Prompt consideration of proposed actions is appropriate so as not to cause undue delay to the public.
3. The California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq.), hereafter referred to as "CEQA", requires a State agency to prepare and file environmental documents with the Secretary for Resources, State Clearinghouse, and other agencies; at its discretion to prepare and file Notices of Exemption with the Secretary for Resources; and to certify that it has reviewed and considered environmental documents which it prepares as a Lead Agency and which are prepared by other public agencies when it acts as a Responsible Agency.
4. Environmental documents mean draft and final EIRs, Initial Studies, Negative Declarations, Notices of Completion, and Notices of Determination.
5. The California Water Code, the Administrative Code and the Public Resources Code require a multitude of specific additional procedures to be followed with respect to matters pending before the Board.
6. In order for the State Board to act expeditiously, it is necessary and efficient to delegate authority for certain of its more routine functions to its Executive Director and the Chiefs of the Divisions of Water Rights and Water Quality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board authorizes the Chief, Division of Water Rights, to prepare, sign, and file Notices of Exemption and environmental documents under CEQA with the Secretary for Resources, the State Clearinghouse, and other agencies, as appropriate, for all projects carried out or approved by the State Board in connection with the administration of the water rights program. He shall exercise such authority in conformity with regulations of the Secretary for Resources and the State Board.

2. That the State Board authorizes the Chief, Division of Water Rights, to sign and file certifications that the State Board has reviewed and considered environmental documents prepared by other public agencies and Environmental Impact Reports prepared by the State Board in connection with the administration of the water rights program.
3. That the State Board authorizes the Executive Director, to prepare, sign, and file Notices of Exemption and environmental documents under CEQA with the Secretary for Resources, the State Clearinghouse, and other agencies, as appropriate, for all projects carried out or approved by the State Board in connection with the administration of the water quality program, except the Clean Water Grant Program. He shall exercise such authority in conformity with regulations of the Secretary for Resources and the State Board.
4. That the State Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign and file certifications that the State Board has reviewed and considered environmental documents prepared by other public agencies and Environmental Impact Reports prepared by the State Board in connection with the administration of the water quality program, except the Clean Water Grant Program.
5. That the authority delegated herein to sign and file the documents identified in paragraphs 1 through 4 shall be exercised after conclusion of the public availability and comment period when such period is required.
6. That the authority delegated in paragraphs 1 through 4 to circulate and file draft and final Environmental Impact Reports and to file Certifications of Review and Notices of Exemption shall be exercised only after each Board member has received a copy of the document and only if no Board member objects within five working days.
7. That the authority delegated in paragraphs 1 through 4 to file Notices of Determination, Negative Declarations, and Initial Studies with the Secretary for Resources shall be exercised only after each Board member has received a copy of the Negative Declaration and Initial Study at the time of circulation through the State Clearinghouse, when there are no unresolved comments, and when no Board member objects.
8. The State Board authorizes the Chief, Division of Water Rights, to issue permits for which no protests are outstanding, and sign permit extensions (if no more than two previous extensions have been issued and there are no outstanding protests), and change orders for which no hearing was held and for which there are no outstanding protests. Such authority shall be exercised only after each Board member has received a copy of the document and only if no Board member objects within five working days.

9. That with respect to actions in connection with the Clean Water Grant Program administered by the Division of Water Quality, either the Executive Director, or the Chief of the Division of Water Quality shall certify that he has reviewed and considered environmental documents prepared by grant recipients in conformity with Subchapters 7 and 17, both of Chapter 3, Title 23, California Administrative Code and in conformity with the regulations of the Secretary for Resources.
10. That Board Resolution No. 77-69 is revoked.

#### 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 February 15, 1979.



Executive Director  
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