

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 79-59

CERTIFICATION OF THE NONDESIGNATED AREA 208 PLAN (IN PART)

WHEREAS:

1. The State Board is the responsible agency for conducting water quality management planning in the State's nondesignated area pursuant to Section 208 of PL 92-500 and subsequent amendments.
2. A workplan was prepared which set forth regional and interregional issues to be addressed in the 208 nondesignated area and a grant was received from EPA (\$3,175,316) for conduct of the program.
3. The following 208 plan issues have been completed and submitted for State Board consideration:

Interregional

- o Water Quality Management on U. S. Forest Service Lands
- o Water Quality Management on U. S. Bureau of Land Management Lands

Region 1

- o Individual Waste Disposal Systems

Region 5

- o Erosion/Sediment Control
- o Disposal of Pesticide Rinsewaters
- o Abandoned Mines
- o Amador County Sewage Disposal

Region 6

- o Pollution Abatement from Leviathan Mine

Region 7

- o Agricultural Drains
- o Coachella Valley Groundwater Management
- o Pollution of New and Alamo Rivers
- o Colorado River Salinity Control
- o Disposal of Class II-1 Wastes

4. An Initial Study/Negative Declaration for each issue has been circulated for comment pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act regulations and the State Board has determined that the issues will not have a significant effect on the environment.

5. Regulations in 40 CFR, Parts 35 set forth procedures for State review and submission of Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs) and require State certification of WQMPs based upon specified criteria.
6. State Board has reviewed the individual 208 plan issues in regard to the criteria specified in 40 CFR, Part 35.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board:

1. Certifies the following issues as representing partial completion of the State 208 Nondesignated Area Plan conditioned as subsequently provided under 2.II a & b of this resolution.

Interregional

- o Water Quality Management on U.S. Forest Service Lands
- o Water Quality Management on Bureau of Land Management Lands

Region 1

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2. Certifies that the foregoing substantially meet criteria in regulations 40 CFR, Part 35 with the following exceptions and conditions:

I. Exceptions:

a. Water Quality Management - BLM Lands

Specific BMPs for land management activities have not been identified. BLM has indicated an intent to identify these BMPs within the framework of their ongoing land use planning program.

b. Erosion/Sediment Control - Region 5

Specific technical criteria to be included in the Regional Board's action plan are not included at this time pending further consideration by the Regional Board.

- c. Technically and economically feasible solutions to abandoned mine problems have not been identified. Technical solutions to individual mines will be identified via ongoing and future site-specific feasibility studies. Economic solutions are being investigated and recommendations will be forthcoming.

d. Pollution Abatement from Leviathan Mine - Region 6

As discussed in c. above, economic feasibility of the plan is presently not assured.

e. Agricultural Drains - Region 7

Determination of the technical/economic feasibility of the recommended action (i.e., reduction of surface irrigation return flows through utilization of tailwater pumpback systems) must await results of demonstration projects.

Technical/economic feasible solutions to other problems (i.e., aerial pesticide drift and drain maintenance operations) are currently not identified.

f. Pollution of New and Alamo Rivers - Region 7

Determination of whether this issue "represents substantial progress toward achievement of water quality goals" is contingent upon the willingness of the U.S. and Mexico governments to execute and implement recommended treaty amendments.

g. Colorado River Salinity Control - Region 7

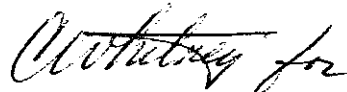
Technical feasibility of controlling salt contributions is currently not known and will be determined pending future studies.

II. Conditions:

- a. The Board will determine, after further review, the appropriateness of adopting individual 208 plan elements or portions thereof into existing basin water quality control plans.
 - b. During the course of the review, the Board may further condition, as necessary, specific elements of the documents transmitted.
 - c. The above review shall be completed no later than August 16, 1979.
3. Will identify and designate, after further review, appropriate management agencies to implement the non-designated area plan.
 4. Adopts the initial Study/Negative Declaration prepared for each issue pursuant to CEQA regulations.

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 June 26, 1979.



Larry F. Walker
Executive Director