STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 80-77

ESTABLISHING BOARD POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE TYPE OF FILING APPROPRIATE FOR CERTAIN HYDROELECTRIC POWER APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS:

- 1. The State Water Resources Control Board is interested in prompt and orderly consideration of water rights applications, including those for hydroelectric power projects, and;
- 2. Many of the applications recently received for hydroelectric power development are for retrofit of a new power plant on existing storage works already built and being operated for consumptive uses by others than the applicant, and;
- 3. The new applicant for power often does not have control over such works and is therefore limited to using the water in developing the energy potential of such systems as the existing project operator releases it, and;
- 4. Under such conditions the applicant is limited to direct use for power purposes where he is able to take the water under control.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board policy be to limit applications for such proposed retrofit power projects to direct diversion unless the applicant can satisfactorily demonstrate to the Board that he either has or can obtain control of existing storage works or proposes to construct storage works of his own.

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 October 16, 1980

Executive Director