

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION No. 80-80
ADOPTION OF THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN WATER QUALITY PLAN

WHEREAS:

1. It is the responsibility of the State Board and the nine California Regional Water Quality Control Boards to prepare and adopt water quality plans for areas within the State. These plans, required by California State law, include both water quality standards and implementation plans.
2. It is also the responsibility of the State Board to adopt water quality standards and implementation plans which meet the requirements of Section 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act.
3. It is also the responsibility of the State Board to adopt water quality plans which meet the requirements of Section 208 of the Federal Clean Water Act.
4. On January 17, 1980, the State Board released for public review and comment a draft Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Plan.
5. The State Board has held four public hearings and one hearing continuation on the draft plan.
6. Based on the draft Plan and comments received, the State Board prepared a proposed Final Plan and a Summary of Public Comments including responses thereto, both of which were released on September 25, 1980.
7. The Final Plan provides for implementation of the following control measures needed to protect Lake Tahoe water quality:
 - o Remedial erosion control projects
 - o On-site surface runoff controls
 - o Restrictions on development
 - o Forest Practices
8. The Final Plan also includes the following prohibitions:
 - o A prohibition against discharge resulting from construction of new subdivisions.
 - o Prohibitions against discharge resulting from new development in stream environment zones or which creates land coverage or land disturbance in excess of land capability.

- o A prohibition against new development not offset by remedial erosion control projects.
 - o A prohibition against the discharge of garbage or solid waste.
 - o A prohibition against new pier construction in significant fish spawning habit or offshore or biologically important stream inlets.
9. The State Board has reviewed the environmental documentation in the Final Plan and finds that it is in accord with the California Environmental Quality Act and all applicable regulations.
10. The Plan includes measures designed to assure that water use within the Lake Tahoe Basin stays within the limits set by the California-Nevada Interstate Compact.
11. The State Board finds that the Plan meets all the requirements of Section 13240 and 13247 of the California Water Code, and all requirements of Section 303 of the Clean Water Act.
12. The State Board has received implementation commitments from the following agencies:
- o California Air Resources Board
 - o California Conservation Corps
 - o California Department of Forestry
 - o California Department of Transportation
 - o United States Forest Service
13. The State Board finds that the Plan meets all requirements of Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. The Plan provides, however, that it will not be certified to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency until after the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is given another opportunity to submit an adequate plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board adopts the Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Plan, to take effect immediately as the water quality plan for the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin.
2. That the Plan shall supersede the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the North Lahontan Basin, adopted in 1975, to the extent of any inconsistency.
3. That the Executive Director shall file a Notice of Decision with the Secretary for Resources.

4. That the Executive Director shall submit the Plan to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval pursuant to Section 303 of the Clean Water Act.
5. That no project for construction of municipal wastewater treatment facilities serving the Lake Tahoe Basin shall be certified as entitled to priority for financial assistance unless it is consistent with the plan.
6. That the State Board will consider certification of this plan under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act, or certification of a substitute plan submitted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, after the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is given another opportunity to submit an adequate plan.

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 adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on October 29, 1980.



Clint Whitney
Executive Director