

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 81-18

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE KLAMATH RIVER BASIN (1A) AND THE NORTH COASTAL BASIN (1B) TO INCORPORATE WATER CONSERVATION INTO THE POLICY ON THE CONTROL OF WATER QUALITY WITH RESPECT TO INDIVIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL PRACTICES

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Board) adopted Water Quality Control Plans for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coastal Basin (1B) on March 20, 1975, and amended the plans in 1976, 1977 and 1979; the plans and amendments have been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Environmental Protection Agency;
2. The plans and amendments contain policy and guidelines related to the individual wastewater treatment and disposal (Individual Systems Policy);
3. On August 16, 1979, the State Water Resources Control Board directed the North Coast Regional Board to consider including a water conservation element into the Individual Systems Policy (SWRCB Resolution No. 79-69);
4. The Regional Board noticed on September 30, 1980, its intent to incorporate water conservation features into the Individual Systems Policy of the Water Quality Control Plans for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coast Basin (1B);
5. The Regional Board staff conducted a public workshop regarding the incorporation of water conservation features into the Individual Systems Policy in Eureka on October 22, 1980;
6. The Regional Board conducted a public hearing on December 4, 1980 to receive and consider testimony on this matter;
7. The tentative text of Resolution No. 80-17 and environmental documentation functionally equivalent to the CEQA requirements were transmitted by the Regional Board to interested individuals for review and comment;
8. The Regional Board reviewed and considered all comments and testimony received relative to the proposed policy change. The Regional Board has determined that the proposed amendment will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment;
9. On December 4, 1980 the Regional Board, by Resolution No. 80-17, adopted the amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans to incorporate water conservation into the policy on the control of water quality with respect to individual waste treatment and disposal practices;

10. The policy on the control of water quality with respect to individual waste treatment and disposal practices is revised as follows:

"Page 1. Section II Findings, 3 to read:

Adherence to the guidelines, criteria, and water conservation practices contained herein will protect public health and water quality.

Page 18. (new). Section XII Water Conservation to read:

In order to achieve water quality objectives, protect present and future beneficial uses, protect public health, and prevent nuisance, the use of water conservation practices shall be encouraged for all individual systems.


1. Regional Board waste discharge regulation of individual disposal systems may specify the use of water conservation measures.
 2. The Regional Board shall maintain a library of current information pertaining to water conservation.
 3. Methods for minimizing wastewater flows to an individual disposal system shall be described in informational bulletins which shall be made available for public education by local regulatory agencies."
11. A copy of Resolution No. 80-17, of pertinent information, and of the record for the proposed amendment were forwarded for review to the State Board for consideration for approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The State Board, after consideration of the record before it, has determined that, incorporation of a water conservation element into the policy on the control of water quality with respect to individual waste treatment and disposal practices is in conformance with the State Board's Resolution No. 79-69.
2. Pursuant to Section 13245 of the Water Code, the State Board approves the amendments as adopted by the Regional Board in Resolution No. 80-17.

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 19, 1981.



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Executive Director