

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 81-102

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN (8) REVISING THE EFFECTIVE DATE
AND EXEMPTION CRITERIA OF THE YUCAIPA-CALIMESA PROHIBITION ON
LEACHING OR PERCOLATING WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

WHEREAS:

1. On March 9, 1973, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, (Regional Board) adopted a waste discharge prohibition for subsurface leaching or percolating systems in the Yucaipa-Calimesa area.
2. On June 7, 1973, exemption criteria were adopted which would allow the installation and operation of leaching or percolating waste disposal systems if the criteria were met.
3. On April 11, 1975, the Regional Board adopted a Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana Basin (Basin Plan). This Basin Plan was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) on April 17, 1975 in Resolution No. 75-28.
4. The Basin Plan incorporates the waste discharge prohibition for the Yucaipa-Calimesa area adopted on March 9, 1973. In part, the prohibition called for elimination of discharge of waste from leaching or percolating systems by July 1, 1977.
5. On March 18, 1977, the Regional Board, by Resolution No. 77-87, modified the effective date of the Yucaipa-Calimesa area prohibition to July 1, 1980. This amendment was approved by the State Board on May 19, 1977, in Resolution No. 77-47.
6. On August 31, 1979, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 79-160. This resolution contained a Basin Plan amendment which extended the final prohibition date for the Yucaipa-Calimesa area to July 1, 1985. The resolution also contained exemption criteria which would have exempted leaching or percolating waste disposal systems installed on lots one-half to one acre in size.
7. On July 3, 1980, the State Board adopted Resolution No. 80-45. This resolution remanded the proposed Basin Plan amendment to the Regional Board. A request by the Executive Director was also made at this time. The Executive Director requested that:
 - "1. The Regional Board develop criteria for granting exemptions for use of individual disposal systems on lots one-half acre and less, and
 - "2. The Regional Board reconsider the effective dates of the Yucaipa-Calimesa Prohibition."

8. On October 10, 1980, the Regional Board adopted Regional Board Resolution No. 80-172. This resolution amended the Basin Plan with regards to the Yucaipa-Calimesa prohibition. The effective date of the prohibition as amended by Resolution No. 80-172 is January 1, 1982.
9. On January 22, 1981, the State Board adopted Resolution No. 81-7. This resolution extended the effective date of the Yucaipa-Calimesa area prohibition to January 1, 1982. The Regional Board Executive Officer was also requested to review and amend (if appropriate) the exemption criteria.
10. A subcommittee of the Regional Board reviewed the exemption criteria and a number of proposed changes to those criteria. The subcommittee was not able to develop new criteria for the use of individual disposal systems on lots smaller than one-half acre. However, the subcommittee did recommend that exemption criterion for one-half acre lots be based on gross, rather than net, lot size.
11. An environmental assessment was made of the impacts of changing the effective date(s) of the prohibition and no unmitigated adverse impacts were identified.
12. The Regional Board conducted a public hearing on September 25, 1981 regarding the revision of the effective date(s) of the prohibition, the environmental assessment, and the modified criteria for exemption. Notice of the public hearing was given to all interested persons and published in accordance with Water Code Section 13244.
13. The Regional Board considered all testimony and evidence at the public hearing, and good cause was found to modify the effective date(s) of the prohibition, to modify the exemption criteria, and to adopt the environmental assessment.
14. On September 25, 1981, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 81-205. This resolution amended the Basin Plan with regards to the Yucaipa-Calimesa prohibition. The effective date of the prohibition as amended by Resolution No. 81-205 is January 1, 1983.
15. Resolution No. 81-205 also amended the exemption criteria to allow exemptions for subdivisions with lots one-half acre (gross) in size instead of one-half acre (net) (one-half acre exclusive of easements).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Water Resources Control Board approves the following amendment to the Santa Ana Basin Water Quality Control Plan contained in Regional Board Order No. 81-205 revising the effective date of the Prohibitions Applying to Subsurface Leaching Percolation Systems in Yucaipa-Calimesa, January 1, 1983.

2. That the State Water Resources Control Board approves changes in the exemption criteria contained in Regional Board Order No. 81-205.

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 December 17, 1981.



Clint Whitney
Executive Director