STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 81- 103

AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND THE U.S. SALINITY LABORATORY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONTINUE, FOR FIFTEEN MONTHS, A STUDY OF THE WATER QUALITY NEEDS OF SUBIRRIGATED ORGANIC SOILS OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

WHEREAS:

- 1. The determination of the reasonable water quality needs of Delta agriculture is an essential element in establishing water quality standards to protect this use consistent with prior rights.
- 2. The information on water quality needs used to develop the standards for Delta agriculture contained in Water Right Decision 1485 and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh (Delta Plan) indicate that the unique practice of subirrigation carried out over a large area of the Delta requires extremely good water quality.
- 3. There is general agreement among both Delta and export interests that this information needs to be refined prior to future Board review of Delta standards.
- 4. The State Board has participated in a three-year cooperative study to gather needed information upon which to revise these standards.
- 5. This cooperative study has been jointly funded by the State Board, Department of Water Resources, University of California, and the U. S. Salinity Laboratory.
- 6. The cooperating agencies agree that 15 months of additional information would greatly assist the State Board in developing comprehensive water quality standards for the protection of Delta agriculture on organic soils.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute joint or separate agreements with the U. S. Salinity Laboratory, University of California, and Department of Water Resources as necessary to continue the Delta Agricultural Study in an amount not to exceed a combined total of \$100,000 and for a duration not to exceed 15 months subject to equal funding from the Department of Water Resources and further subject to the availability of Board funds in the Governor's budget in F. Y. 1982-83.

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.

Executive Director