## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 82-1

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED METHODS OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AND CRITERIA FOR EXEMPTIONS TO THE BIG BEAR VALLEY WASTE DISCHARGE PROHIBITION IN THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN (8)

## WHEREAS:

- 1. On March 9, 1973, following a public hearing, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, (Regional Board) adopted a waste discharge prohibition applicable to subsurface leaching percolation systems in the Big Bear Valley, including the Baldwin Lake Watershed.
- 2. On April 11, 1975, the Regional Board adopted the Water Quality Control Plan Report (Basin Plan). The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) approved the Basin Plan April 17, 1975. The plan incorporated the Big Bear Valley prohibition, which required all discharges to cease by July 1, 1977. The plan also provides that exemptions to the prohibition may be granted whenever the Regional Board finds that waste discharges will not affect water quality.
- 3. On May 19, 1977, the State Board adopted Resolution No. 77-47 approving the Regional Board resolution to amend the Basin Plan by changing the effective date of the Big Bear Valley prohibition to July 1, 1980.
- 4. On March 9, 1973, the Regional Board also adopted certain exemption criteria that were subsequently approved by the State Board. These exemption criteria were adopted to implement the exemption provision of the Basin Plan prohibition in the Big Bear Valley, uniformly and equally.
- 5. The existing exemption criteria as adopted by the Regional Board on March 9, 1973 allows exemptions for the following areas:
  - "A. Areas more than approximately 1 mile from Big Bear Lake which have a lot size of ½ acre and an approved soils report by the County.
  - B. Areas outside the BBCCSD (Big Bear City Community Services District) which have a lot size of ½ acre and an approved soils report by the County."
- Discharges existing prior to March 9, 1973 and those subsequently exempted by the Regional Board could not be eliminated by July 1, 1980 without causing undue hardship.
- 7. Several U. S. Forest Service (USFS) tracts on the north and south shores of Big Bear Lake were investigated in 1977 and 1980 by an engineering consultant under contract with San Bernardino County. The consultant did

- II. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, adopts the revised criteria for exemptions from the Big Bear Valley Waste Discharge Prohibition.
- III. The previous exemption criteria for the Big Bear Valley Prohibition Area are hereby rescinded.
- IV. The Executive Officer is directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the State Water Resources Control Board for their review.

I, James W. Anderson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, on September 25, 1981.

JAMES W. ANDERSON Executive Officer