

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 82-50

APPROVING THE AQUATIC HABITAT PROGRAM PLAN FOR  
ASSESSING THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS IN THE  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA ESTUARY

WHEREAS:

1. A comprehensive program is needed to assess the effects of pollutants from point and nonpoint sources on the beneficial uses of water in the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary.
2. The information from the program is essential for establishing and revising water quality standards and policies for the protection of beneficial uses in the Estuary.
3. The State Board and the Environmental Protection Agency approved in December 1980 a Workplan for the Aquatic Habitat Program to develop and implement needed long-term studies in the Estuary.
4. The State Board formed a Policy Task Force made up of local discharger groups, State and Federal water and fishery agencies to advise the State Board during the course of this program.
5. The Policy Task Force recommended and the State Board has approved the Bylaws of a nonprofit independent organization titled the "San Francisco Bay-Delta Aquatic Habitat Institute" to coordinate pollutant related studies in the Estuary.
6. The Policy Task Force has reviewed the revised draft Plan for Assessing the Effects of Pollutants in the Estuary.
7. On September 20, 1982, the Policy Task Force recommended that the State Board approve and implement the revised Plan for Assessing the Effects of Pollutants in the Estuary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board approves the Aquatic Habitat Program's "Plan for Assessing the Effects of Pollutants in the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary," as a statement of (a) the goals, objectives and tasks necessary to fully implement this program and (b) the State Board's resource commitment to this program, subject to the refinement of the program and the availability of funds.
2. That the State Board transfers project management of the Local Effects Element of this program to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Francisco Region (Regional Board), and recommends that the Regional Board implement this program in cooperation with local dischargers and other agencies as called for in the plan approved by the State Board.

3. That the State Board recommends that the Regional Board take all necessary steps to form the Aquatic Habitat Institute to assist in the implementation of the plan approved by the State Board.

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 October 21, 1982.



Clint Whitney  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR