## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 84-3

USE OF LOCAL MORATORIUMS IN LIEU OF REGIONAL BOARD PROHIBITIONS FOR PROJECTS OTHERWISE QUALIFYING FOR PRIORITY CLASS A

## WHEREAS:

- Several Regional Water Quality Control Boards have requested that the State Board accept locally imposed moratoriums on the use of individual systems in lieu of Regional Board prohibitions.
- 2. Sections 3621(a) and 3623(b) of the Clean Water Grant regulations require Regional Board adoption and State Board approval of prohibitions as a prerequisite for placing projects in Priority Class A.
- 3. There are a number of projects with serious documented public health hazards that will lose 75% federal assistance, if grants are not awarded by October 1, 1984.
- Requiring Regional Board prohibitions threatens to delay these grant awards without substantial enforcement advantage over well conceived local moratoriums.
- 5. An opinion has been prepared by legal counsel which concludes that locally imposed moratoriums are the substantial equivalent of a Regional Board prohibition provided certain specified criteria are met.

## THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The State Board will accept locally imposed moratoriums in lieu of Regional Board prohibitions where the following criteria have been met:

- The local moratorium prohibits the construction and use of new individual disposal systems.
- The local moratorium contains a requirement that residents within the boundaries of the moratorium connect to the public system, when it becomes available.
- 3. The local government entity imposing the moratorium agrees to delegate, to the Regional Board, the final authority for approval of any exemptions to the moratorium.
- 4. The Regional Board adopts a resolution accepting the locally imposed moratorium in lieu of a prohibition.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director of the State Mater 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 January 19, 1984.

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