

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 84-36

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN BY THE ADDITION OF A PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISCHARGE FROM INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE FRUITLAND AREA, MONTEREY COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, (Central Coast Regional Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (basin plan) on March 14, 1975.
2. Division 7 of the California Water Code specifies that basin plans will be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
3. Fruitland is a subdivision of 68 homes located in the Pajaro Valley (near the City of Watsonville) in Monterey County.
4. On-site soil absorption systems are the sole means of wastewater disposal in the Fruitland area.
5. The Monterey County Health Department, at the request of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, has conducted a septic tank survey of the Fruitland subdivision.
6. The results of this survey indicate that 65-percent of the property owners in Fruitland have attested to on-site waste disposal system problems.
7. The Monterey County Health Department has submitted documentation of conditions which constitute contamination and pollution as defined in Section 13050 of the California Water Code.
8. Over 67-percent of the lots in the Fruitland subdivision are one-half acre or less in size.
9. The U. S. Soil Conservation Service has designated the soils of the Fruitland subdivision as poor (due to slow percolation) for septic tank filter fields.
10. On February 24, 1984, based on the above facts and findings, after a public hearing, the Central Coast Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 84-03 revising Chapter 5 of the basin plan to include a discharge prohibition of the Fruitland subdivision.
11. On March 7, 1984, the Central Coast Regional Board submitted a request for State Board consideration of approval for the above-titled basin plan amendment in accordance with Section 13245 of the California Water Code.

12. In satisfaction of the requirements of California Water Code Section 13283, the State Board finds that the record includes a review of possible alternatives to prohibiting discharges from on-site sewage disposal systems.
13. Central Coast Regional Board staff has prepared documents and followed procedures to satisfy environmental documentation requirements of both the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 (Functional Equivalent) and the Federal Clean Water Act.
14. The Central Coast Regional Board has followed appropriate procedures to satisfy all relevant State statutes.
15. The State Board finds, consistent with the California Water Code, Section 13280, that there is substantial evidence in the record that the continued discharge of waste from individual or community on-site sewage disposal systems will unreasonably degrade water quality.
16. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the basin plan be amended as follows:

Page 5-66, after Item 9, following the discussion of discharge limitation (added by Resolution No. 83-16), insert the following prohibition:

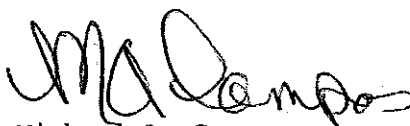
"10. Discharge of waste from additional individual and community sewage disposal systems is prohibited and the discharge of waste from existing individual and community sewage disposal systems is prohibited after July 1, 1987, in the Fruitland Subdivision, Monterey County, and more particularly described as:

'Within the boundaries of the Fruitland Subdivision excluding Assessors Parcel Numbers 117-131-22 and 117-131-23.'"

2. State Board approval of the prohibition does not constitute a commitment to change the Clean Water Grant Project Priority List or provide other assistance.

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 May 17, 1984.



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Executive Director