

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 85-79

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR
THE KLAMATH RIVER BASIN AND THE NORTH COASTAL BASIN, POLICY
AND ACTION PLAN FOR CONTROL OF DISCHARGES OF HERBICIDE WASTE
FROM SILVICULTURAL APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS :

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (North Coast Regional Board) adopted Water Quality Control Plans (basin plans) for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coastal Basin (1B) on March 20, 1975 and amended the plans on March 25, 1976.
2. The North Coast Regional Board adopted amendments for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coastal Basin (1B) on January 22, 1981 containing a policy and action plan for control of discharges of herbicide wastes from silvicultural application.
3. The North Coast Regional Board finds that existing basin plan provisions relating to submission of spray application plans, stream protection measures, water monitoring programs, spill contingency plans, and noticing the North Coast Regional Board complement the regulations and conditions imposed by the Department of Food and Agriculture and the County Agricultural Commissioners. The North Coast Regional Board finds that these provisions collectively result in Best Management Practices for aerial application of herbicides on private timberlands.
4. Implementation of the above practices have resulted in little or no discharge of herbicide wastes to North Coast region waters.
5. The County Agricultural Commissioners require submission of prepared aerial 2,4-D spray plans 45 days in advance of spraying.
6. The North Coast Regional Board considers submission of proposed aerial herbicide plans 45 days in advance of herbicide applications as an adequate period for review of the proposed plans.
7. The County Agricultural Commissioners, the North Coast Regional Board, and other coordinating agencies will work together to continuously improve existing practices to ensure water quality protection.
8. The North Coast Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
9. On May 31, 1984, after a public hearing the North Coast Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 84-2 concerning amendments on aerial herbicide use on private timberlands.
10. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.


11. The State Board, after review of the North Coast Regional Board's record, concurs that the implementation of Best Management Practices proposed in North Coast Regional Board Resolution No. 84-2 are reasonable and will protect designated beneficial uses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coast Basin (1B), Policy and Action Plan for the Control of Discharges of Herbicide Waste from Silvicultural Applications, be approved as stipulated in North Coast Regional Board Resolution No. 84-2 adopted by the North Coast Regional Board on May 31, 1984.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board, does hereby certify that the forgoing 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 17, 1985.



Raymond Walsh
Interim Executive Director