

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 87- 36

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN TO: (1) REVISE NUMERICAL RADIOACTIVITY STANDARDS AND ADOPT RADIOACTIVITY STANDARDS FOR ALL WATERS, (2) DESIGNATE SURFACE WATERS AS COLD OR WARM HABITATS WITH CONSEQUENT PROTECTION FOR AQUATIC LIFE, (3) REVISE PHENOL, PHTHALATE ESTERS, AND POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS OBJECTIVES, AND (4) ADD AN EXCEPTION PROVISION

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 be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
3. The Central Coast Regional Board's staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. On February 14, 1986, following a public hearing, the Central Coast Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 86-01 (attached) amending the Basin Plan to: (a) revise numerical radioactivity standards and adopt radioactivity standards for all waters; (b) designate surface waters as cold or warm habitats with consequent protection for aquatic life; (c) revise phenol, phthalate esters, and polychlorinated biphenyls objectives; and (d) add an exception provision.
5. The State Board, after review of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, finds that the revision of numerical radioactivity standards and adoption of radioactivity standards for all waters as well as designation of surface waters as cold or warm habitats with consequent protection for aquatic life are appropriate.
6. The State Board finds that the proposed revised objectives for phenol, phthalate esters, and polychlorinated biphenyls will not protect beneficial uses. The State Board will provide recommended criteria for phenols, phthalate esters, and polychlorinated biphenyls. The State Board will provide substantiation for the criteria and provide a time line when substantiation can be provided.
7. The State Board also finds that the addition of an exception provision is approvable. Exceptions to the Basin Plan may be adopted only if the same procedures established for Basin Plan amendments are followed, including EPA standards regulation and public participation requirements. As an exception will not be effective until approved by the State Board and EPA (if necessary), any Waste Discharge Requirement or NPDES permit implementing such an exception shall not be adopted until after such needed approval.

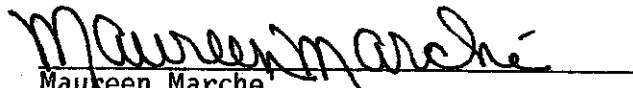
8. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That revision of numerical radioactivity standards and adoption of radioactivity standards for all waters, and designation of surface waters as cold or warm habitats with consequent protection for aquatic life as described in Central Coast Regional Board Resolution No. 86-01 adopted on February 14, 1986, be approved.
2. That the revision of phenol, phthalate esters, and polychlorinated biphenyls objectives be remanded to the Central Coast Regional Board for further consideration.
3. That the exception provision be approved, and that any exception adopted by the Regional Board shall be adopted according to the same procedures established for Basin Plan amendments. These procedures are set forth in the memorandum and attachments from the Office of Chief Counsel to the Regional Board Executive Officers dated July 15, 1983 regarding "Basin Plan Amendment Procedures", EPA standards regulation, and EPA public participation regulations. That such exception will not be effective until approval by the State Board and EPA (if necessary), and that any Waste Discharge Requirement or NPDES permit implementing such an exception shall not be adopted until after such needed approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the 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 April 16, 1987.


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Administrative Assistant to the Board