STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 87- 109

NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PROJECT

WHEREAS:

- 1. The San Francisco Bay and Delta Estuary is a natural resource of national significance; and
- 2. The Congress has enacted, in the Water Quality Act of 1987, the National Estuary Program which designates the San Francisco Bay and Delta a priority estuary of national significance; and
- 3. The Congress has directed the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with the assistance of the states, to develop a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the control of pollution and future management of the Estuary; and
- 4. The Governor has nominated the San Francisco Bay-Delta as an estuary of national significance and delegated the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to participate in development of a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; and
- 5. The Congress has authorized the expenditure of \$60 million for five years to develop conservation and management plans for all estuaries included in the National Estuary Program; and
- 6. The EPA, with assistance from the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG), will administer the program on behalf of the State and federal government; and
- 7. The SWRCB and affected Regional Boards are now engaged in a Bay-Delta Hearing Process by which salinity controls and water quality standards will be adopted for the Bay and Delta; and
- 8. The State is expending in excess of \$250,000 per year on programs which further the purpose and help reach the milestones in development of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Water Resources Control Board will participate in the Management Conference and accepts its responsibility to co-sponsor the San Francisco Estuary Project to assure that the Project is properly correlated with the SWRCB's Bay-Delta Hearings preparatory to finalizing a new Water Quality Control Plan and assisting the Regional Boards in revising their Basin Plans pertaining to the Delta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the State Water Resources Control Board is (and will continue subject to the State's budgeting process) expending funds for its Bay-Delta Hearings and consequent implementation plan that will meet the 25% match requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Work and Milestones developed by the EPA, SWRCB, and the Project Committees are incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the State Water Resources Control Board will accept a grant of \$55,000 annually to be devoted to the support of the Board's liaison with the Management Conference, and the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate a grant agreement on behalf of the Board, subject to approval of Board Chairman.

BF IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the State Water Resources Control Board's commitment to the Management Conference be expressed by a letter signed by the Chairman together with a copy of this resolution.

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 DEC 17 1987

Maureen Marche

Administrative Assistant to the Board