STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 88-116

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SANTA ANA REGION'S PHASE II 205(j)(2) FINAL REPORT AS COMPLETION OF THE "WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVE FOR UNIONIZED AMMONIA IN THE MIDDLE SANTA ANA RIVER (REACHES 2 AND 3)" PROJECT

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to the terms of a Phase II 205(j)(2) grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) provided \$83,075 in 205(j)(2) funds to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Regional Board) to conduct a study to analyze the appropriateness of the water quality objective for unionized ammonia established in the Santa Ana Regional Board's 1983 Water Quality Control Plan.
- 2. The Santa Ana Regional Board has completed and submitted to the State Board a final report for the project, entitled <u>Investigation of Unionized Ammonia in the Santa Ana River,</u> <u>Final Project Report</u> (Final Report).
- 3. The State Board has found that the Final Report conforms to the requirements of the Phase II grant and the project workplan, with the exception that the project workplan tasks involving the steps to be taken by the Santa Ana Regional Board to consider and adopt an unionized ammonia objective were not completed.
- 4. The Santa Ana Regional Board has not considered and adopted an unionized ammonia objective because an extensive basinwide study is being conducted and funded by the area water management agencies which will clarify and refine ammonia and nitrogen water quality objectives.
- 5. The Santa Ana Regional Board will consider and adopt an unionized ammonia objective after an extensive basinwide study of nitrogen is completed by January 15, 1989.
- 6. The State Board accepts the Final Report and find that the requirements of the project workplan have been met by the Santa Ana Regional Board pursuing a course of action to consider and adopt an unionized ammonia objective within a reasonable period of time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board:

- 1. Accepts the Final Report as completion of the Phase II 205(j)(2) project workplan. Acceptance of the Final Report does not signify State Board endorsement of the proposed ammonia objective. After the Santa Ana Regional Board has adopted a new ammonia objective through a basin plan amendment, the basin plan amendment will be submitted to the State Board for approval of that objective.
- Directs staff to transmit the Final Report to EPA as completion of the requirements of the project workplan.

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 October 20, 1988.

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