

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 89-32

CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL  
PLANNING AGENCY REVISED WATER QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LAKE TAHOE REGION

WHEREAS:

1. Lake Tahoe has been designated as an Outstanding National Resource Water and is undergoing a continuing trend toward increased levels of primary productivity and decreased water clarity. Deterioration of the Lake's quality is related to nonpoint pollution sources and is in violation of State and federal water quality standards. Water quality in the tributary lakes and streams is being impacted by sediment and nutrient loading linked to development in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and
2. Lake Tahoe is located in both the States of California and Nevada, and responsibility for its protection is jointly shared by those states and the bi-State Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). The States have designated TRPA as the water quality management agency for the Lake Tahoe Region under Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act, and
3. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan Regional Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Lahontan Basin (Basin Plan) in 1975, and
4. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted its Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Plan in 1980 (amended 1983), and
5. TRPA adopted its bi-State Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Management (208) Plan in 1981, which incorporated many portions of the State Board's 1980 Plan. The 1981 TRPA 208 Plan was conditionally certified by the State Board and conditionally approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and
6. On November 30, 1988, TRPA adopted a revised 208 Plan in order to allow for implementation of its comprehensive 1987 Regional Plan, and
7. TRPA has submitted the revised 208 Plan to the State Board with a request for certification of the Plan, and

8. State Board staff has reviewed the revised 208 Plan and has concerns about the Plan's adequacy to provide a level of water quality protection equal to or better than the existing TRPA 208 Plan, as previously expressed to TRPA and described in Attachment 1.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:


That the State Board:

1. Certifies the revised 208 Plan entitled "Water Quality Management Plan for the Lake Tahoe Region", with the conditions listed in Attachment 2 to this resolution.
2. Directs the State Board and Lahontan Regional Board staffs to work with TRPA to develop and submit interim amendments to the State Board for updating the Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Plan, allowing use of the Individual Parcel Evaluation System (IPES), capital improvements, and coverage transfer programs; incorporating the revised Best Management Practices handbook (Volume 2 of the revised 208 Plan); revising criteria for identification of Stream Environment Zones (SEZ); and revising restrictions on encroachment and vegetation alterations in SEZ, consistent with the revised 208 Plan, no later than July 1989.
3. Directs Lahontan Regional Board staff, with the assistance of State Board staff, to work with TRPA to comprehensively review the revised 208 Plan, the Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Plan, and the North Lahontan Basin Water Quality Control Plan and prepare amendments to the North Lahontan Basin Water Quality Control Plan, containing all appropriate water quality control measures of the Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Plan and the revised 208 Plan. The amendments should be prepared and circulated as soon as possible, so that the Lahontan Regional Board can adopt the amendments no later than December 1989.
4. Will consider the rescission of the Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Plan immediately upon State Board approval of the North Lahontan Basin Water Quality Control Plan, as amended, provided that the North Lahontan Basin Water Quality Control Plan addresses all inconsistencies with the revised 208 Plan and incorporates all appropriate portions of the State Board's Lake Tahoe Basin Water Quality Plan.
5. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit the revised 208 Plan and the State Board Resolution, conditionally certifying the revised 208 Plan to EPA with a request for approval, as conditioned.

6. Will periodically evaluate the performance of TRPA as the designated 208 planning agency for the Lake Tahoe Basin, the adequacy of the revised 208 Plan, and its implementation in accordance with the terms contained in the revised 208 Plan and the State Board's conditions on its certification.

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 20, 1989.



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