

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 90-28

APPROVAL OF REVISION (EDITING AND UPDATING) OF
THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SACRAMENTO
RIVER BASIN (BASIN 5A), SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN
DELTA BASIN (BASIN 5B), AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
BASIN (BASIN 5C)

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Regional Board), adopted and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) approved the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Sacramento River Basin (Basin 5A), Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Basin (Basin 5B), and San Joaquin River Basin (Basin 5C) in 1975.
2. Division 7 of the California Water Code states that Basin Plans shall be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
3. The Central Valley Regional Board revised and updated the Basin Plan to produce a new edition of the Basin Plan, which was considered at a public meeting on March 31, 1989.
4. The new edition of the Basin Plan deletes Chapter 1, Historical Beneficial Uses, and replaces it with Chapter I, Introduction; retains Chapter II, Present and Potential Beneficial Uses; deletes Chapter 3, Historical Water Quality Objectives, and replaces it with Chapter III, Water Quality Objectives; deletes Chapter 4, Water Quality Objectives, and replaces it with Chapter IV, Implementation; deletes Chapter 5, Implementation Plan, and replaces it with Chapter V, Surveillance and Monitoring; and deletes Chapter 6, Assessment of the Plan and Chapter 7, Surveillance and Monitoring.
5. Proposed changes to the existing Chapter 2 include adoption, by reference, of State Board Resolution No. 88-63, Sources of Drinking Water. This amendment was considered and approved in conjunction with Sources of Drinking Water Policy Basin Plan amendments of all Regional Water Quality Control Boards by Resolution No. 89-88, on August 17, 1989.
6. The Basin Plan revision is consistent with the requirements of Public Resources Code 21000 et seq. (California Environmental Quality Act).
7. The Central Valley Regional Board Resolution No. 89-056 was adopted in accordance with State laws and regulations.

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board:

1. Approves the Basin Plan revision adopted by the Central Valley Regional Board under Resolution No. 89-056 with the exceptions and provisions stipulated in Item Nos. 2 through 6 below.
2. Disapproves the deletion of Marsh Creek and Marsh Creek Reservoir and their beneficial uses. These waterbodies and their beneficial uses are incorporated into Chapter II, Present and Potential Beneficial Uses. Where beneficial use designations are not consistent with those used by the Central Valley Regional Board, the inconsistencies shall be addressed in the next Triennial Review or Statewide Basin Plan Update processes.
3. Directs the Central Valley Regional Board during either its next Triennial Review or Statewide Basin Plan Update processes to:
 - A. Delete or otherwise address the phrase on Page III-4 of the Basin Plan revision which reads: "...or where the fishery is not important as a beneficial use".
 - B. Review and revise the beneficial use designations of the Delta for appropriateness and consistency with other State Water Quality Control Plans.
 - C. Review and revise as appropriate, the statement on Page III-2 of the Basin Plan revision which reads: "The fourth point is that in cases where WQOs [water quality objectives] are formulated to preserve historic conditions, there may be insufficient data to determine completely the temporal and hydrologic variability representative of historic water quality. When violations of such objectives occur, the Regional Board judges the reasonableness of achieving those objectives through regulation of the controllable factors in the areas of concern."
 - D. Designate site-specific beneficial uses and water quality objectives for the waterways in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
4. Approves the amendment with the understanding that in the future, the Water Quality Assessment, jointly developed by the Central Valley Regional Board and the State Board, will satisfy obligations to rank water quality limited segments pursuant to Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.

5. Approves with the understanding that the Basin Plan amendment for the control of agricultural subsurface drainage, adopted by the Central Valley Regional Board on December 8, 1988 under Resolution No. 88-195 and approved by the State Board on September 21, 1989 under Resolution No. 89-88 is incorporated into this Basin Plan revision.
6. Approves with the understanding that the Basin Plan amendment revising water quality objectives for pesticides and incorporating an implementation plan for the control of nonpoint source discharges of pesticides adopted by the Central Valley Regional Board on January 26, 1990 under Resolution No. 90-028 and approved by the State Board on February 15, 1990 under Resolution No. 90-20 is incorporated into this Basin Plan revision.
7. Requests the Central Valley Regional Board to correct all typographical errors during the printing process.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a policy duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on March 22, 1990.



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