

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 90-101

RECOMMENDATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
TO TERMINATE THE CLEAN WATER GRANT CONTRACTS
FOR THE MARIPOSA COUNTY - MT. BULLION,
BEAR VALLEY, AND HORNITOS PROJECTS

WHEREAS:

1. The EPA Inspector General on July 31, 1990 issued an "Early Warning" audit report recommending annulment of the Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, and Hornitos Clean Water Grant contracts;
2. The Division of Clean Water Programs completed an extensive review of the 1987 Questa Engineering Corporation pollution studies for Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, and Hornitos, and determined that the pollution studies did not adequately support the conclusions that community-wide public health hazard conditions existed resulting from septic tank/leachfield wastewater disposal systems;
3. In June, 1990, the Division of Clean Water Programs and the State Department of Health Services conducted an intensive well sampling study in Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, and Hornitos, which did not demonstrate the existence of community-wide public health hazard conditions caused by septic tank/leachfield wastewater disposal systems;
4. The Division of Clean Water Programs is unable to certify that the proposed Clean Water Grant projects for Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, and Hornitos are cost-effective and affordable; and
5. The annulment of the Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, and Hornitos Clean Water Grant contracts is considered inappropriate and would cause significant adverse financial impacts to Mariposa County.

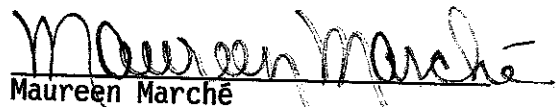
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STATE BOARD:

1. Recommend to the Environmental Protection Agency that the Step 3 Clean Water Grant contracts for the Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, and Hornitos projects be terminated immediately.
2. Recommend to the Environmental Protection Agency that Mariposa County receive federal grant reimbursements for reasonable and eligible planning and design costs incurred to date on these projects.
3. Authorize the disbursement of state grant funds for the state 12-1/2 percent match on the federal eligible project costs.

4. Authorize execution of a state supplemental grant to reimburse Mariposa County for the federally ineligible costs incurred which are reasonable and otherwise eligible under the State Supplemental Assistance Grant Program.

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 September 20, 1990.


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Administrative Assistant to the Board