

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 91-34

ADOPTION OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR SALINITY --
SAN FRANCISCO BAY/SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board is responsible for the regulation of activities and factors which affect or may affect the quality of the waters of the State (Water Code Section 13001).
2. The State Board has undertaken a process, under its water quality authority, to develop a set of water quality objectives for salinity, temperature, and dissolved oxygen to protect beneficial uses of the Estuary.
3. The State Board has conducted 60 days of evidentiary hearing initiated on July 7, 1987, and concluded on August 23, 1990, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C.A. Sections 1251 to 1387) and the California Water Code, and has considered the evidence introduced at the hearing.
4. A draft Water Quality Control Plan for Salinity -- San Francisco/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary was formulated and submitted for public review on January 18, 1991.
5. The State Board conducted a public hearing on the draft water quality control plan on March 11, 1991, after notice to all interested parties, in accordance with Federal and State requirements and has considered the oral and written comments submitted.
6. The Water Quality Control Plan, consisting of the Water Quality Control Plan for Salinity -- San Francisco/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary, accompanying Technical Appendix, and the comments and responses thereto, has been revised to incorporate appropriate comments received from the interested parties.
7. The water quality objectives in the Water Quality Control Plan--San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary will be reviewed at least once every three years.
8. The Water Quality Control Plan is an adjunct to the Basin Plans; together with the Basin Plans, it includes all necessary elements of water quality control plans in accordance with Sections 13241 and 13242 of the California Water Code and Federal requirements.
9. The State Board has prepared the Water Quality Control Plan under a certified program as a substitute document for an environmental impact report under Section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code (California Environmental Quality Act).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board adopts the Water Quality Control Plan--San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Plan) in accordance with Section 13170 of the Water Code.
2. That the Executive Director is directed to forward copies of the Beneficial Use Designation and Water Quality Objectives portions of the Plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval in accordance with requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C.A. Section 1313(c)].

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 May 1, 1991.


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Administrative Assistant to the Board