

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 085

APPROVAL OF CLEANUP AND ACCOUNT FUNDS
FOR CLEANUP OF MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION AT HUNTINGTON BEACH
SANTA ANA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (SARWQCB)

WHEREAS:

1. The Orange County Health Officer closed portions of Huntington State Beach for extended periods during the peak recreation period (July 1 through September 3) in 1999 and 2000 due to microbial contamination of the near shore waters.
2. The contamination has created an economic hardship for local businesses.
3. The contamination has had an adverse impact on the beneficial uses of the area water.
4. Information available has not isolated the sources of this contamination; although runoff entering the ocean from the Lower Santa Ana Watershed has been identified as a potential source.
5. The National Water Research Institute, Orange County, and the beach cities are eager to find an immediate solution to the problem and are sponsoring a third study to identify the sources and dynamics of pollutants in the Lower Santa Ana River Watershed.
6. The SARWQCB has received a request to join Orange County and the National Water Research Institute in financing a study of the source and causes of this problem.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board

1. Commits \$200,000 to the SARWQCB for a study to determine the source or sources of microbial contamination pollution in the Huntington Beach area.
2. Establishes an end date for this project of January 31, 2002.

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 19, 2000.

/s/

Maureen Marché

Administrative Assistant to the Board