

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2001- 011

APPROVAL TO RESCIND STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 95-68 FOR CREATION OF A LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM AND  
AUTHORIZE A \$2.2 MILLION STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN TO THE COUNTY OF  
SANTA CRUZ TO ESTABLISH A MINI-LOAN PROGRAM FOR UPGRADES OF  
INDIVIDUAL ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IN THE SAN LORENZO RIVER  
WATERSHED (LOAN NUMBER C-06-6036-11)

WHEREAS:

1. Failing septic systems are a threat to surface and groundwater within the San Lorenzo River Watershed.
2. The County of Santa Cruz performed an economic analysis that determined that improvement of individual septic systems is more cost effective than a valleywide sewer system.
3. The County of Santa Cruz completed the Wastewater Management Plan for the San Lorenzo River Watershed which establishes guidelines for inspections and evaluations, identifying problem systems, computer tracking, enforcement procedures, repair standards, water quality monitoring standards, and management standards for new developments.
4. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) authorized a linked deposit program to address the problem of failing septic systems in the San Lorenzo River Watershed under SWRCB Resolution Number 95-68 on September 21, 1995.
5. The linked deposit program was unable to address the problem of failing septic systems and the program was ultimately canceled.
6. The County of Santa Cruz subsequently requested a \$2.2 million State Revolving Fund loan to establish a mini-loan program to provide low interest loans to homeowners to upgrade or replace failing septic systems.
7. The County of Santa Cruz completed a Negative Declaration for the Wastewater Management Plan for the San Lorenzo River Watershed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act on April 6, 1995.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB adopts a resolution rescinding SWRCB Resolution No. 95-68 for creation of a linked deposit program and authorizing a \$2.2 million State Revolving Fund loan to the County of Santa Cruz to establish a mini-loan program for Upgrades of Individual Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems in the San Lorenzo River Watershed.

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 January 25, 2001.

/s/

Maureen Marché

Administrative Assistant to the Board