

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 600

STATING THE POLICY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD RELATIVE TO WAIVING OF REPORTS ON WASTE DISCHARGE FROM FAMILY DWELLINGS IN AREAS WHERE THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE IS REGULATED BY THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 400.

- I. WHEREAS, Section 13054 California Water Code provides that, "The reporting of a discharge of sewage from family dwellings in any area may be waived by the regional board"; and
- II. WHEREAS, the District Counsel for the Cupertino Sanitary District, in a letter dated November 1961, requested this Regional Board to give an expression of policy with regard to the waiving of reports on waste discharge from family dwellings within the Cupertino Sanitary District; and
- III. WHEREAS, the above-mentioned letter from the Cupertino Sanitary District states that:
 - A. The District has been perfectly satisfied with the various regulations and requirements of the County Health Department and the regulations of the cities within the District as to the technical construction of septic tanks;
 - B. The District feels that septic tanks should be discouraged and that they should not be permitted where their construction will impair the possibility of extending trunk sewers into an area; and
- IV. WHEREAS, experience of the staff of this Board shows that:
 - A. The use of septic tanks and leaching systems is, with few exceptions, a temporary solution to sewage disposal problems;
 - B. Because of their temporary nature the installation of septic tanks and subsequent replacement with sewers is more expensive than construction of sewers at the outset; now
- V. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Regional Board concurs with the position of the Cupertino Sanitary District as recited in Paragraph III above;
- VI. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Regional Board urges that the County Health Department:
 - A. Require connection to public sewers as a condition of development of any subdivision;
 - B. Investigate the feasibility of connection to public sewers prior to approval of any septic tank permits;
 - C. Deny septic tank permits where connection to a public sewer is feasible in the opinion of the County Health Officer;

D. Deny septic tank permits where substrata in the opinion of the health department official is not suitable for individual sewage disposal systems;

VII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Regional Board hereby waives the reporting of discharges of sewage from family dwellings in any area where the disposal of sewage is regulated by the Santa Clara County Health Department by means of permits and that this waiver is subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

A. The sewage is to be disposed of entirely in subsurface leaching systems approved by the County Health Department and complying with this Board's Resolution No. 81;

B. "Family dwelling", for the purpose of this resolution, includes rest room and kitchen facilities serving:

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| 1. Restaurants | 6. Trailer camps |
| 2. Service stations | 7. Motels |
| 3. Stores | 8. Apartments |
| 4. Offices | 9. Schools |
| 5. Beaches and Parks | 10. Churches; |

C. The sewage does not contain any industrial waste and does not originate at a manufacturing or processing plant site;

D. That no disposal facilities shall be permitted where the City or district has adopted an ordinance compelling sewer connection and the public sewer is available in accordance with the terms of the ordinance;

E. That the County Health Officer advise the Regional Board at the earliest possible date of all proposals to use septic tanks in new sub-divisions for the disposal of sewage;

F. That this waiver does not apply whenever the County Health Officer believes that a Report on Waste Discharge should be filed with the Regional Board;

VIII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this waiver becomes effective on adoption of this resolution and that the Regional Board reserves the right to review and amend the waiver at any time;

IX. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Regional Water Pollution Control Board's Resolution No. 400, adopted on February 15, 1962 is hereby rescinded.

GRANT BURTON
Chairman

September 17, 1964

I, John B. Harrison, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 600, as adopted by the Regional Water Pollution Control Board of Region No. 2, at its regular meeting on September 17, 1964.