

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 80-6

REGIONAL BOARD POSITION ON SENATE BILL 200

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 200 (SB200) would authorize a major expansion of the State's Central Valley Project, including construction of the peripheral canal and the Glenn, Colusa, and Los Vaqueros Projects for diversion of wet weather delta outflows, and

WHEREAS, this Regional Board has serious concerns with respect to two aspects of SB 200:

a. The guarantees for the protection of water quality within the Delta, Suisun Marsh, and San Francisco Bay are subject to change at some later date through the legislative process.

b. Construction of the Glenn, Colusa, and Los Vaqueros projects may have serious adverse impacts in the water quality of San Francisco Bay by reducing wet weather delta outflows and thereby interfering with both the current patterns which provide an annual flushing of the entire bay system, and with the development of biologically significant salinity gradients in the bay, and

WHEREAS, legislative proposals have been made to address the above concerns, including Assembly Constitutional Amendment 90 and amendments offered by Assembly Speaker McCarthy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Regional Board endorses the concept of giving constitutional, in addition to legislative, status to the protections included in SB 200 for the protection of the Delta, Suisun Marsh, and San Francisco Bay, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Regional Board believes that construction of the Glenn, Colusa, and Los Vaqueros projects should be deferred until their impacts on San Francisco Bay have been studied and any standards necessary for its protection have been adopted.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on



FRED H. DIERKER
Executive Officer