

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 83-16

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN BY THE ADDITION OF A PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISCHARGE FROM INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE BORONDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND VIRGINIA ACRES AREA, MONTEREY COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, (Regional Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (basin plan) on March 14, 1975.
2. Division 7 of the California Water Code specifies that basin plans shall be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
3. Boronda (including Virginia Acres) is an unincorporated community located adjacent to the City of Salinas, Monterey County.
4. Local ground water is the sole source of water; and beneficial uses include agricultural, municipal, industrial, and domestic water supplies.
5. On-site soil absorption systems are the exclusive means of wastewater disposal in Boronda.
6. The soils in the Boronda area have a low percolation rate, and the majority of land parcels are too small to accommodate individual disposal systems.
7. The Monterey County Health Department has concluded that the Boronda and Virginia Acres area is a health problem due to failure of on-site disposal systems and nitrate contamination of domestic water supply.
8. The Boronda County Water District (BCWD) has prepared a waste management study and an Environmental Impact Report which effectively document the aforesaid effluent disposal and ground water problems. BCWD's waste management study also evaluates alternative solutions to the problem.
9. Based on the above facts and findings, on January 14, 1983, after a public hearing, the Regional Board revised Chapter 5 of the basin plan to include a discharge prohibition in Boronda and Virginia Acres.
10. The Regional Board has followed appropriate procedures to satisfy all relevant state and federal statutes.
11. The State Board concurs that effluent disposal and ground water conditions are in need of remedy to protect present and potential beneficial uses of water to prevent pollution and nuisance.
12. Water Quality Control Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the basin plan be amended as follows:

1. Insert the following prohibitions in Chapter 5:

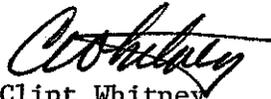
"Discharges from additional individual or on-site sewage disposal systems are prohibited, and discharges from existing individual sewage disposal systems are prohibited effective July 1, 1986, in the areas in Monterey County described as follows:

- a. Boronda County Water District.
 - b. Virginia Acres (area bounded by Boronda County Water District and Boronda Road).
 - c. Parcels bounded by Boronda County Water District and Brooks Road (approximately 250 feet east of intersection with Boronda Road)."
2. Areas a, b, and c are consistent with the recommendations of the staff report as shown on Attachment A.

 3. The Regional Board does intend standard exemption criteria, first paragraph of page 5-67 of the basin to apply to this section.*

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control 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 March 17, 1983.


Clint Whitney
Executive Director

* The criteria referenced are contained in a basin plan amendment that has not yet been approved by the State Board. Until amended criteria are approved by the State Board, existing basin plan exemption criteria shall apply.