

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 83- 72

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE NORTH LAHONTAN BASIN CONCERNING THE WEST FORK CARSON
RIVER HYDROLOGIC UNIT AND INDIAN CREEK WATERSHED, ALPINE COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, (Regional Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Lahontan Basin (basin plan) on June 26, 1975.
2. Division 7 of the California Water Code specifies that basin plans will be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
3. The Regional Board completed the triennial review of the basin plan in 1982 and gave high priority to the update of those portions of the plan which concern the West and East Fork Carson River Hydrologic Units. The Indian Creek Watershed is part of the East Fork Carson River Hydrologic Unit.
4. Regional Board staff reviewed the basin plan and relevant technical information and drafted amendments to Chapters 1 through 6 of the basin plan.
5. Regional Board staff prepared an environmental document in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21080.5) and State guidelines.
6. The draft basin plan amendments and environmental document were widely circulated for public review.
7. Public workshops were held on January 25 and March 10, 1983; a public hearing was held on June 23, 1983. The purpose of the workshops and hearing was to inform the public about, and to receive and respond to comments on, the proposed amendments and environmental document.
8. Based on the facts and findings, on June 23, 1983, after the public hearing, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 83-07 amending portions of Chapters 1 through 6 of the basin plan.
9. On June 30, 1983, the Regional Board submitted a request for State Board consideration of approval for the above-titled basin plan amendment in accordance with Section 13245 of the California Water Code.
10. The State of Nevada has expressed concerns that if reclaimed wastewater that has not had nutrients removed is allowed to reach the East Fork of the Carson River, beneficial uses of Lahontan Reservoir and the East Fork Carson River could be affected.

11. An owner of land and user of reclaimed water along Indian Creek has objected that discharge of secondary effluent to the creek is prohibited from the property, but is allowed above and below his property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board returns for reconsideration the subject amendment to the basin plan as adopted by Regional Board Resolution No. 83-7.
2. That the Regional Board consider further amendments to the basin plan for the North Lahontan Basin to address the concerns in letters dated August 23, 1983 from the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and August 12, 1983 from Julian C. Smith on behalf of F. Heise Land and Livestock Company and any additional concerns it considers appropriate.
3. That any basin plan provisions, waste discharge requirements, reclamation requirements, or NPDES permits issued in the Indian Creek Watershed for discharge or use of reclaimed municipal effluent that has not been treated to effect nutrient removal should require removal of such reclaimed wastewater from Indian Creek prior to its reaching the East Fork of Carson River.

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 September 15, 1983.



Clint Whitney
Executive Director