

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 83-82

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan (basin plan) for the Santa Ana Region was approved by the State Board on April 17, 1975.
2. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, (Regional Board) is responsible for reviewing water quality standards and implementation plans and, as appropriate, modifying and adopting standards under provisions set forth in Section 303(c), (d), and (e) of the Federal Clean Water Act, and in Section 13240, Division 7 of the California Water Code (Porter-Cologne).
3. The Regional Board prepared amendments to the basin plan which were considered at public hearings on March 11 and April 18, 1983 and were adopted by the Regional Board on May 13, 1983.
4. The amendments revise beneficial uses and water quality objectives, identify a waste load allocation for the Santa Ana River, update Regional Board policies and implementation plans, and revise the Regional Board surveillance and monitoring program for the region.
5. The basin plan amendments satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act requirements (Section 21080.5) for state regulatory programs. The amendments contain an environmental evaluation.
6. The amendments were prepared using funds provided under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act and meet the criteria for certification specified in federal regulations, with the exceptions noted below:
  - a. The General Prohibitions included in the basin plan have legal imperfections with respect to descriptions and quantities of the substances being "prohibited", and enforceability of the provisions.
  - b. The Regional Board has not yet completed its review of the water quality objective for un-ionized ammonia in waters designated WARM, as directed in State Board Order WQ 82-5.
  - c. The water quality objective for radioactive gross alpha particle activity is not consistent with the limit specified in the California Administrative Code (CAC), Title 22, which excludes Radon & Uranium.
7. The basin plan amendments were developed using a set of computer models known as the Basin Planning Procedure (BPP). It is the State Board's intention to use the BPP to update and revise the basin plan by evaluating proposed water quality management alternatives and including new information.

8. The Orange County Water District, Chino Basin Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water district, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, are major water resource management agencies in the Santa Ana Region, and are members of a joint powers agency known as the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the State Board, in fulfillment of the requirements described in Sections 303 (c), (d), and (e) of the Clean Water Act, in 40 CFR 35.1523, and in Section 13245, Division 7 of the California Water Code, approves the amendments to the Santa Ana River basin plan adopted by the Regional Board on May 13, 1983 and certifies them as Areawide Waste Treatment Management (208) products, with the following exceptions, which are returned to the Regional Board for further consideration:
  - a. The General Prohibitions contained on page 4-20 of the basin plan. These should be reviewed with the assistance of the Office of the Chief Counsel and revised as appropriate.
  - b. The un-ionized ammonia water quality objective for WARM waters, included on page 3-2. The State Board directs the Regional Board to review the un-ionized ammonia objective and to revise or justify the standard during the next triennial review or sooner if resources permit.
  - c. The water quality objective for gross alpha particle activity contained on page 3-5. This objective should be revised to exclude Radon and Uranium, in conformance with CAC, Title 22.
2. That it is the intent of the State and Regional Boards to budget resources to revise and/or update the basin plan as part of the planned 1986 basin plan triennial review.
3. That in order to use the Basin Planning Procedure most effectively for regional water quality control planning, the State Board:
  - a) Encourages local agencies to work through SAWPA to formulate alternatives for future modeling using the BPP.
  - b) Invites local agencies to share the costs of future modeling with the State, in order to accomplish the most comprehensive and timely analysis of management alternative.
4. That consistent with other State Board priorities and objectives, the State Board will make the BPP available to local agencies for evaluation of alternatives of primarily local interest, provided that they reimburse the state for all costs.

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 October 20, 1983.

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Executive Director