

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 88- 6

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DISCHARGE PROHIBITION FROM INDIVIDUAL DISPOSAL SYSTEMS FOR THE ROMOLAND AND HOMELAND-GREEN ACRES AREAS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) on April 11, 1975. This Basin Plan was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) on April 17, 1975.
2. Division 7 of the California Water Code specifies that basin plans be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
3. The Regional Board adopted a waste discharge prohibition for subsurface leaching or percolation systems in the Homeland-Green Acres and Romoland areas of Riverside County as amendments to the Basin Plan on September 17, 1982. These amendments to the Basin Plan were approved by the State Board on January 20, 1983. The prohibition applies to all new systems and existing systems after July 1, 1987, unless an exemption is granted by the Regional Board.
4. The Regional Board adopted exemption criteria for subsurface leaching percolation systems installed in the Homeland-Green Acres and Romoland waste discharge prohibition area on February 11, 1983. The State Board approved the exemption criteria on June 16, 1983.
5. The Regional Board has adopted a revision to the Basin Plan extending the effective date of the prohibition on existing subsurface leaching/percolation systems in the Homeland-Green Acres and Romoland waste discharge prohibition areas from July 1, 1987 to July 1, 1990. This action was taken as Regional Board Resolution No. 87-77 after a public hearing that occurred on June 12 and July 10, 1987.
6. The Farmers Home Administration has agreed to award loan/grant funds to Eastern Municipal Water District for the construction of a Romoland sewer system. Construction of the system is expected to be complete in October 1988.
7. Eastern Municipal Water District has applied for state and federal clean water grant assistance from the Division of Grants and Loans for a sewer system in Homeland-Green Acres. Construction of the system is expected to be complete in May 1989.
8. The Regional Board has prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

9. In satisfaction of the requirements of Section 13283 of the California Water Code, the State Board has reviewed possible alternatives to prohibiting discharges from individual on-site disposal systems and finds that disposal options utilizing subsurface disposal are not acceptable in this area.
10. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board approves the Basin Plan amendment as adopted on July 10, 1987 by Regional Board Resolution No. 87-77.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the 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 January 21, 1988.

  
MAUREEN MARCHE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD