STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 014

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED REVISED REGULATIONS FOR THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Water Quality Certification Program, as established by section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) (33 United States Code [USC] §1341), is an important regulatory tool available to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) in their efforts to manage discharges to waters of the State of California.
- 2. On April 29, 1999, the SWRCB published a notice of proposed rulemaking and publicly circulating a first draft of proposed revisions to the regulations which govern the Water Quality Certification Program.
- 3. The SWRCB held a hearing on June 8, 1999 to better solicit public comments on the proposed regulations. Two hundred and sixty-five written and verbal comments from 20 separate organizations and individuals were received.
- 4. On December 24, 1999, the SWRCB staff circulated for review and comment a final draft of the proposed revised regulations amended in response to those public comments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB approves the proposed revised regulations for the Water Quality Certification Programs and authorizes the Executive Director to submit the proposed regulations to the Office of Administrative Law for approval.

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 February 17, 2000.

/s/ Maureen Marché Administrative Assistant to the Board