

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2004-0029

CERTIFYING THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY'S AMENDMENT
TO THE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN

WHEREAS:

1. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) adopted a bi-state (California and Nevada) Water Quality Management Plan for the Lake Tahoe Basin (208 Plan) in 1988, which was certified by the State of Nevada, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in 1989.
2. The 208 Plan designates stream environment zones (SEZs) for the purposes of protecting water quality, and within the 208 Plan, vehicles are normally restricted from entering SEZs except on existing roads or for over-snow tree removal.
3. There is a need to allow vehicles into SEZs for the purpose of fuels treatment (fire suppression) and vegetation management, and such vehicles are not expected to result in significant soil disturbance or significant non-target vegetation damage.
4. TRPA has amended the 208 Plan to allow the use of such vehicles in SEZs.
5. The Executive Officer of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board concurs that the amendment is consistent with its Water Quality Control Plan.
6. SWRCB reviewed the proposed amendment to the 208 Plan and determined that the amendment will have no significant detrimental impact on water quality.
7. SWRCB must certify any amendments to the 208 Plan and submit the certified amendment to USEPA for approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SWRCB:

1. Certifies the amendment to TRPA's 208 plan to allow conditional use of vehicles in SEZs.
2. Directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the certified amendment to USEPA for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk 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 May 20, 2004.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board