

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 70-1

URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION TO REQUIRE SHORESIDE FACILITIES FOR WASTES FROM
VESSELS

WHEREAS

This Regional Board in its water quality control policy for San Francisco Bay stated its intent to protect the public health related to the use of the waters for recreational purposes;

This Regional Board requested the Federal Government to regulate the discharge of sewage to San Francisco Bay from vessels under the jurisdiction of foreign nations and the United States Government;

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act provides for the regulation of waste discharges from houseboats to waters of the State;

The State Water Resources Control Board is investigating the water quality problems caused by the discharge of waste from watercraft and is expected to draft regulatory legislation for consideration during the 1970 Legislative Session;

There are approximately one hundred (100) marinas with 11,000 berthing spaces in the San Francisco Bay Region, none of which have dockside sewers capable of providing sewerage service to boats or provide "pump-out" facilities capable of receiving waste from boats with holding tanks;

There are approximately 96,000 registered vessels in the nine Bay Area Counties, many of which are equipped with heads;

The most positive control of wastes from watercraft and most effective means of preventing pollution is to provide for the ultimate disposal of waste to shore-side sewerage facilities by use of holding tanks and/or connection to dockside sewers;

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission in its "San Francisco Bay Plan" stated its policy that "Water quality in all parts of the Bay should be sufficiently high to permit water contact sports and to provide a suitable habitat for all indigenous and desirable forms of aquatic life";

The "San Francisco Bay Plan" indicates that additional marinas will be constructed in the San Francisco Bay Area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

This Regional Board urges the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to require the applicant to provide the following as a condition of the permit issued for each project related to new or expanded port facilities, marinas or other water-related activities:

- A. Dockside sewers to receive wastes from all vessels, houseboats or any other watercraft to be berthed or moored at the new or added facilities with disposal of wastes to shoreside facilities.
- B. "Pump-out" facilities at marinas and launching ramps with disposal of wastes to shoreside sewerage facilities.
- C. Adequate restroom facilities.

WILLIAM C. WEBER
Chairman

January 29, 1970

I, Fred H. Dierker, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 70-1 adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, at its regular meeting on January 29, 1970.

FRED H. DIENKER
Executive Officer
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