

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2

REGARDING AMENDMENT OF THE STINSON BEACH
DISCHARGE PROHIBITION CONTAINED IN THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION WATER QUALITY
CONTROL PLAN

- I. Whereas the Regional Board, at the meeting of September 25, 1973 adopted Resolution 73-13, which amended the Water Quality Control Plan (Interim) San Francisco Bay Basin, to prohibit waste discharges to individual leaching or percolation systems in the Stinson Beach area of Marin County, after October 15, 1977, and
- II. Whereas the Board, at the meetings of November 27, 1973 and May 21, 1974 adopted Resolutions 73-18 and 74-6 respectively which redefined the area covered by the discharge prohibition, and
- III. Whereas the Board, at the meeting of April 16, 1974, adopted Resolution 74-5 instructing the Executive Officer to commence preparation of enforcement actions against Stinson Beach property owners for threatened violation of the October 15, 1977 prohibition date, and
- IV. Whereas the Board, on April 8, 1975 adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) which continued the prohibition contained in Resolution 73-13 (as amended), and
- V. Whereas the Stinson Beach County Water District is pursuing the development of a project to comply with Resolution 73-13 and still allow continued use of septic tanks, and
- VI. Whereas, this Regional Board, in reviewing new information on Stinson Beach finds the following:
 - A. Existing septic tank failures in Stinson Beach are causing violation of water quality standards and constitute a threat to public health.
 - B. New legislation (SB 1902) gives the Stinson Beach County Water District the authority to establish a septic tank maintenance district for the control of septic tank discharges. Included in this authority is the authority to require the repair of failing septic tank systems.
 - C. The Stinson Beach County Water District has proposed a septic tank code which can provide an effective tool for eliminating the pollution and public health threat caused by failing septic tanks if and only if it is vigorously enforced by the District.

- D. Land availability is a critical factor in determining the feasibility of continued septic tank use. The Regional Board has not reviewed any information on this subject and therefore can make no judgments as to whether or not the continued use of septic tanks is feasible.
- E. The Stinson Beach County Water District has not provided any specific proposals or schedules for the correction of existing failing systems, and

VII. Whereas, this Regional Board finds that the following information and commitments must be provided to the satisfaction of the Regional Board in order to allow consideration of the continued use of septic tanks:

- a. An adopted ordinance or ordinances which incorporate the proposed Stinson Beach septic tank code and which set forth the permit, monitoring, maintenance, and enforcement programs which will be used by the SBCWD.
- b. An adopted resolution by the SBCWD which provides specific identification of land which must be acquired for present and future off-lot correction of failing systems, the procedures to be used to acquire that land, and a commitment by the District to proceed with land acquisition.
- c. An adopted resolution by the SBCWD which details a case-by-case program for the correction of presently failing septic tank systems including a time schedule by which the District will correct those systems.
- d. An adopted Final Environmental Impact Report for the Stinson Beach Project.

VIII. Therefore be it resolved, that this Regional Board will consider amendment of the Water Quality Control Plan prohibition of waste discharge in the Stinson Beach area if the information and commitments described in Item VII. above are submitted to the satisfaction of the Board.

IX. Be it further resolved, that the information and commitments required under Item VII. above must be submitted by August 15, 1977.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on February 15, 1977.

FRED H. DIERKER, Executive Officer