

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 77-5

RESOLUTION AMENDING REGIONAL BOARD
POLICY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF GUIDELINES
FOR WASTE DISPOSAL FROM DAIRIES

- I. WHEREAS, this Regional Board, in August of 1974, adopted Resolution No. 74-11, "Policy for Enforcement of Guidelines for Waste Disposal from Dairies" requiring full compliance with the Minimum Guidelines For Animal Waste Management by all dairies in the Tomales Bay and Walker Creek watersheds by September 1, 1976, and for all other dairies in the Region by September 1, 1977; and
- II. WHEREAS, the dairies in the Tomales Bay and Walker Creek watersheds and a significant portion of the others are now substantially in compliance with the Mimimum Guidelines; and
- III. WHEREAS, the current drought has created an emergency condition for the dairy industry in the region by imposing serious operating problems and economic hardships which affect the ability of dairymen to comply with the September 1, 1977, compliance deadline contained in Resolution No. 74-11; and
- IV. WHEREAS, pollution from dairies not now in compliance has been reduced due to lack of runoff, and an extension of the September 1, 1977, compliance deadline could be granted without significant adverse impact on water quality or the environment; and
- V. WHEREAS, the current drought presents a clear and imminent danger to the dairy industry in the Region, demanding immediate action to mitigate serious loss of property; and pursuant to the emergency projects provisions of Section 15071 of the California Administrative Code (State EIR Guidelines), a policy amendment extending the compliance deadline is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and no Environmental Impact Report is required; and
- VI. WHEREAS, on April 19, 1977, this Regional Board held a public hearing and heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter;
- VII. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Regional Board amends paragraph VI.2. of Board Resolution No. 74-11 to extend the compliance date for all dairies outside of the Tomales Bay and Walker Creek watersheds to September 1, 1978; and

VIII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Regional Board commends those dairymen already in compliance with the Minimum Guidelines, and the Counties of Marin and Sonoma, Marin Resources Conservation District, Marin and Sonoma Farm Bureau Dairy Waste Committees, and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service for their programs to directly assist dairymen in complying with the Minimum Guidelines.

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 April 19, 1977.

FRED H. DIERKER
Executive Officer