

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 69-1

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ADMINISTRATION  
TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING FUTURE WORK ON THE  
PUBLICATION TITLED "WATER QUALITY CRITERIA"

WHEREAS, The former State Water Pollution (later Quality) Control Board soon after its activation in 1950 contracted with the California Institute of Technology for an investigation of the scientific, technical and legal literature pertaining to water quality criteria for the protection of the various beneficial uses of water; and

WHEREAS, This research project resulted in the publication by the former State Board of Publication No. 3 titled "Water Quality Criteria"; and

WHEREAS, The steady local, national and international demand for Publication No. 3 led to a second printing of this publication in 1957 which was partly financed by the United States Public Health Service; and

WHEREAS, The scientific, technical and legal advances in water pollution and water quality control during the period 1950 through 1960 made advisable the resumption of the original investigation to update this compendium of water quality data; and

WHEREAS, The former State Board in 1960 again contracted with the California Institute of Technology for a resumption of the original investigation, an investigation in which the United States Public Health Service actively participated; and

WHEREAS, This second investigation resulted in the printing in 1963 of 6,000 copies of Publication No. 3-A titled "Water Quality Criteria", followed by a second and a third printing in 1965 and 1967 of 3,000 and 2,000 copies, respectively; and

WHEREAS, The continuing advances in the scientific, technical and legal aspects of water pollution and water quality control make ill-advised further printing of Publication No. 3-A without revision; and

WHEREAS, Publication No. 3-A has proven to be of inestimable value to water pollution and water quality control not only in California but throughout the nation and the world; and

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WHEREAS, The field of water quality has assumed such proportions and importance that future work on a continuing basis should be conducted by a Federal agency rather than the State of California; and

WHEREAS, The former State Board on November 15, 1963, by Resolution No. 63-10, urged the United States Public Health Service to assume all future responsibility for continuing the water quality criteria project after officials of the Public Health Service had indicated an interest in doing so; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Water Quality Act of 1965 created the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration as the principal Federal agency for water pollution control; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Water Pollution Control Agency was transferred on May 10, 1966, by Executive Order, to the Department of Interior;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the State Water Resources Control Board, the successor agency to the former State Water Pollution (later Quality) Control Board, request the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration of the United States Department of Interior to assume all future responsibility for the continuation of the water quality criteria research project and for the preparation of later editions of Publication No. 3-A titled "Water Quality Criteria"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the staff of the State Water Resources Control Board provide any necessary assistance to the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration in establishing an organization and procedures for the continuance of this research project, making available to the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration all data or records of the State Board pertinent thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water Pollution Control, the Commissioner of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, the Directors of the Regional Offices of the Water Pollution Control Administration and its Field Laboratories, and to the members of the Federal Water Pollution Control Advisory Committee.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Officer of the State Water Resources Control 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 January 9, 1969.

Dated: January 9, 1969

Kerry W. Mulligan  
Executive Officer  
State Water Resources  
Control Board