

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 76-74

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS, FOR INVESTIGATIONS LEADING TO THE ABANDONMENT OF THE TUOLUMNE RIVER GAS WELLS

WHEREAS:

1. Salt management is one of the most serious water quality control problems faced by the State of California.
2. A significant contribution of salt inflow to waters of Central Valley Basin is from improperly drilled and improperly operated wells known as the Tuolumne River gas wells.
3. On February 27, 1976, the Central Valley Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Orders 76-1 through 76-7 prohibiting discharge of saline water from these wells.
4. Prior to any sealing operation, some site preparation and field investigations, including well logging, are required.
5. The California Division of Oil and Gas (DOG) has experience in and has been mandated the responsibility for determining well abandonment operations in the State.
6. On May 28, 1976, the Regional Board requested by resolution that the State Board enter into an interagency agreement with DOG to provide necessary information.
7. The State Board has \$27,250 in F. Y. 1975-76 and F. Y. 1976-77 budgets to fund the initial work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an interagency agreement with the Division of Oil and Gas for investigations leading to the abandonment of the Tuolumne gas wells for an amount not to exceed \$27,250 for work to be completed through March 1, 1977.
2. Directs the Executive Officer to determine if additional funds are required to complete the work and to assign a high priority to augmenting the agreement if additional funds are needed and available.

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 June 17, 1976.

Peter A. Ragun

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Executive Officer

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