

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 80-38

APPROVAL OF EXEMPTING THE WET WEATHER DISCHARGE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S PROPOSED SOUTHWEST WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY FROM THE 75 PERCENT SUSPENDED SOLIDS REMOVAL LIMITATION IN TABLE A OF THE OCEAN PLAN

WHEREAS:

1. On January 19, 1978, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a revised "Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California" (Ocean Plan); and
2. The wet weather discharge for the City's proposed Southwest Wastewater Treatment Facility will consist of combined sewage from the entire city, in excess of the 192 mgd dry weather plant capacity, with a peak flow of 400 mgd.
3. The wet weather discharge will be treated at the City and County of San Francisco's proposed Southwest Wastewater Treatment Facility and discharged to the Pacific Ocean through an outfall about two and one-half miles offshore.
4. It has been determined that secondary treatment is not required under federal law for the discharge of wet weather effluent from combined sewerage systems like the City and County of San Francisco's.
5. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board on March 13, 1980, adopted Order No. 80-11 which requires compliance with all the water quality limitations of the Ocean Plan including the 75 percent suspended solids removal limitation. However, the order states that the suspended solids limitation would not be applicable upon the granting of an exception by the State Board and concurrence by the Environmental Protection Agency.
6. Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. 80-11 states that based upon the evidence in the Regional Board record, the Regional Board finds good cause for the exception and recommends to the State Board and the Environmental Protection Agency that the suspended solids removal exception be granted.
7. The City and County of San Francisco by letter dated April 24, 1980, requested the State Board to grant an exception to the Ocean Plan which would exempt the wet weather discharge of the City's proposed Southwest Wastewater Treatment Facility from the 75 percent suspended solids removal limitation contained in Table A of the Ocean Plan.

8. Section G of the Ocean Plan states that the State Board may, subsequent to a public, and with the concurrence of the Environmental Protection Agency, grant exceptions to any provision of the Plan where the State Board determines:
 - o the existence of unusual circumstances not anticipated at the time of the Plan's adoption;
 - o the exception will not compromise protection of ocean waters for beneficial uses, and
 - o the public interest will be served.
9. The State Water Resources Control Board held a hearing on May 1, 1980, to receive evidence on the request for exception to the Ocean Plan. The relevant issues on which testimony was requested in the public notice are those delineated in 8 above.

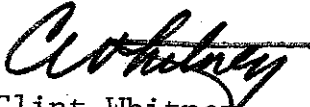
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Based on the evidence before it, the State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Grants the requested exception which exempts the wet weather discharge of the City and County of San Francisco's proposed Southwest Wastewater Treatment Facility from the 75 percent suspended solids removal limitation contained in Table A of the Ocean Plan.
2. Declares that the exception will become effective upon receipt of written concurrence from the Environmental Protection Agency.
3. Requests, by this resolution, that the Environmental Protection Agency provide concurrence as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director 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 May 15, 1980.


Clint Whitney
Executive Director