

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 81-56

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
TO TRANSMIT TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SAN LUIS DRAIN DISCHARGE  
TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA ESTUARY

WHEREAS:

1. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) has consulted with the State Board on the possibility of obtaining waste discharge requirements for its proposed San Luis Drain discharge to the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta).
2. The State Board intends to consider adopting appropriate waste discharge requirements for the proposed discharge.
3. Prior to the State Board's consideration of adopting waste discharge requirements, the Bureau must file a satisfactory and complete Report of Waste Discharge for the proposed discharge.
4. The State Board has prepared a draft document entitled "Draft Application for NPDES Permit\* to Discharge Agricultural Subsurface Drainage to Waters of the United States ("Draft Application") dated February 1981 which specifies the detailed information which must be provided in a Report of Waste Discharge for the proposed discharge.
5. The State Board has prepared a draft document entitled "Draft Interim Guidance on Possible Waste Discharge Requirements for the Proposed San Luis Drain" ("Draft Interim Guidance") dated February 1981 which provides preliminary guidance to the Bureau on possible waste discharge requirements for purposes of initial planning and design of the proposed discharge facility.
6. At a duly noticed public hearing on March 17, 1981 the State Board received public comments on the "Draft Application" and "Draft Interim Guidance".
7. As a result of the hearing, the State Board has made revisions to said draft documents in response to public comments and prepared the final "Application: and final "Interim Guidance", both dated May 1981.
8. With regard to the San Luis Drain, the State Board, in close coordination with the Regional Boards, shall be responsible for the issuance of waste discharge permits for discharges to surface waters of the State and the Regional Boards shall have primary responsibility for the issuance of waste discharge permits for discharges to groundwaters.
9. Consistent State Board policy is needed to ensure effective waste discharge requirements for the San Luis Drain are developed.

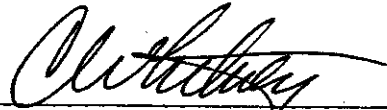
\*National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Pursuant to Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Executive Director is authorized to transmit to the Bureau the final "Application: and final "Interim Guidance" both dated May 1981. The transmittal letter should explain that the Board's "Interim Guidance" does not constitute approval of the proposed discharge and waste discharge requirements ultimately adopted by the State Board will ensure that the proposed discharge will not adversely or unreasonably affect Beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta Estuary.
2. That actions taken by the affected Regional Boards shall be consistent with the State Board's Interim Guidance adopted by this Resolution or as may be subsequently modified.

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 21, 1981.



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Clint Whitney, Executive Director