

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 81-85

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE KLAMATH RIVER BASIN (1A) AND THE NORTH COASTAL BASIN (1B) INCORPORATING NEW POLICY ON THE UTILIZATION OF MOUNDS FOR INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER DISPOSAL

WHEREAS:

1. On March 20, 1975, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (Regional Board) adopted Water Quality Control Plans for the Klamath River Basin and the North Coastal Basin (Basin Plans). These Basin Plans were approved by the State Board on April 17, 1975 in Resolution No. 75-28.
2. The Basin Plans amendment of June 21, 1979 provided for controlled use of Alternative Systems to determine the practicability of these systems in the North Coast Region. One such alternative is the mound system design.
3. The mound system design has been investigated for applicability in the North Coast Region. It has been determined that mounds can be used effectively and can provide adequate protection of public health and water quality.
4. On September 30, 1980, the Regional Board noticed its intent to consider amendment of the Basin Plans to incorporate new policy on the utilization of mounds for individual wastewater disposal.

The Regional Board held a Public Workshop on October 22, 1980 and Public Hearings on December 4, 1980 and January 22, 1981 to receive and consider testimony in the matter.

5. The tentative text of Regional Board Resolution No. 81-2 and environmental documentation functionally equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act requirements were made available to interested individuals for review and comment.
6. The Regional Board reviewed and considered all comments and testimony received relative to the proposed policy on mound systems, and on May 28, 1981 adopted Resolution No. 81-2 approving the Basin Plan amendment.
7. The policy on the Control of Water Quality with Respect to Individual Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices was amended to include the following:

IV. DESIGN CRITERIA AND TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

F. Alternative Systems

The mound design, based on the current edition of the Design and Construction Manual for Wisconsin Mounds, Small Scale Waste Management Project, University of Wisconsin, shall be considered as an Alternative System on existing parcels of land.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION

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The local regulatory agency shall prepare quarterly a written report which describes the number of mounds permitted and the operational status of the mound systems within the North Coast Region.

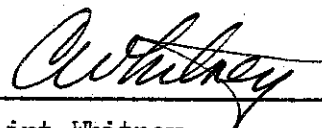
The Regional Board shall prepare annually a report which summarizes the status of the mound systems within the North Coast Region.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Water Resources Control Board approve the amendment to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coastal Basin (1B) incorporating new policy on the utilization of mounds for individual wastewater disposal.

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 August 20, 1981.



Clint Whitney
Executive Director