

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 81-98

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE NORTH COASTAL BASIN (1B) TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF WASTE FROM INDIVIDUAL DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IN THE CURTIS HEIGHTS AREA OF ARCATA AND THE COMMUNITY OF BAYSIDE IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY

WHEREAS:

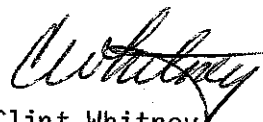
1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (Regional Board) adopted a water quality control plan for the North Coastal Basin (1B) on March 20, 1975 and amended the plan in 1976, 1977, 1979 and in 1981. The plan and amendments have been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA approval of the 1981 amendments is pending).
2. The plan and amendments contain prohibitions against the discharge of several specific categories of waste to provide water quality protection.
3. The Curtis Heights area of Arcata and the Community of Bayside, Humboldt County, as more completely described in Attachment A, appended to and hereby incorporated as part of this Resolution, have developed as densely populated residential areas with disposal provided by individual on-site systems in close proximity to water supply wells operated separately by private parties and by the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.
4. The Regional Board record indicates that the discharge of waste from individual disposal systems has resulted and continues to result in violation of water quality objectives, conditions of pollution, nuisance, and contamination of surface drainages to Humboldt Bay and in the degradation of water quality.
5. The Regional Board record indicates that individual system failures and well contamination are due to unsuitable hydrogeologic conditions, high dwelling density, and existing land use.
6. Evidence indicates that protection of water quality, protection of beneficial uses, and prevention of nuisance, pollution, and contamination cannot be attained by relocation and/or repair of the existing systems.
7. The State Board has determined that the discharge of waste from existing and new individual disposal systems using subsurface disposal should not be permitted in the Curtis Heights area of Arcata and the Community of Bayside. This determination is made after considering all relevant evidence as required by Water Code Sections 13280, 13281, and 13283.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board approves the Basin Plan Amendment prohibiting the discharge from the Curtis Heights area of Arcata and the Community of Bayside, Humboldt County, as adopted by the Regional Board (Resolution No. 81-13).

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 October 15, 1981.



Clint Whitney
Executive Director