

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 87- 89

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO BASIN ADDING A REGIONAL WATER  
RECLAMATION POLICY

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Regional Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) on March 17, 1975.
2. Division 7 of the California Water Code specifies that basin plans be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
3. The San Diego Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. On March 25, 1987, following a public hearing, the San Diego Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 86-06 (attached) amending the Basin Plan by adding a regional policy goal and action plan for water reclamation.
5. The State Board, after review of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, finds that, although there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the amendment, the record also indicates that it was the intent of the San Diego Regional Board to consider the possibility of a buyout of a beneficial use only for ground waters.
6. Any buyout must be preceded by removal of the applicable beneficial use designation and modifications of water quality objectives, based on a determination that loss of ground water supplies suitable to support those uses is outweighed by the long-term increase in water reclamation.
7. Any use of ephemeral streams for conveyance of reclaimed water must consider all existing and designated uses of the waterway.
8. It was the intent of the San Diego Regional Board that this policy and action plan is to be added to Chapter 5, Implementation Plan, of the Basin Plan.

9. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board approves the amendment to the Basin Plan as described in San Diego Regional Board Resolution No. 86-06, adopted on March 25, 1986, with the following understandings:

1. The possibility of a buyout of a beneficial use will only be considered for ground waters and must be preceded by appropriate modifications of beneficial use designations and water quality objectives.
2. Any use of ephemeral streams to convey reclaimed water, which is encouraged by the action plan, is permissible only where the reclaimed water is adequately treated to protect applicable instream beneficial uses or where it can be demonstrated that requiring additional treatment to support instream beneficial uses would have a substantial and widespread economic and social impact.
3. The subject policy goal and action plan is to be added to Chapter 5, Implementation Plan, of the Basin Plan.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the 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 on September 17, 1987.

  
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Administrative Assistant to the Board