

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 95-87

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE
NORTH COAST REGION

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) was updated in December 1993 by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in March 1994, and the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) in August 1994.
2. The Basin Plan prohibits all point source waste discharges to surface waters except as stipulated in the Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California, the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California, and Basin Plan action plans and policies.
3. On June 22, 1995, the NCRWQCB adopted Resolution No. 95-53 (Attachment) amending the Basin Plan to incorporate an action plan which recognizes potential storm water impacts on receiving water, existing State and Federal efforts to control those impacts, provides exceptions to the waste discharge prohibitions, and establishes control measures consistent with existing Federal, SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Board storm water programs.
4. Section 303(c) of the Federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality standards be reviewed and revised, if appropriate, at least every three years, and Section 13240 of the California Water Code provides that Basin Plans be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
5. The NCRWQCB prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.).
6. The SWRCB will work with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to ensure that threatened or endangered species are protected, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2055.
7. The NCRWQCB Resolution No. 95-53 was adopted in accordance with State laws and regulations.
8. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and until regulatory provisions are approved by OAL.

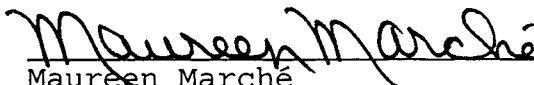
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Approves the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the NCRWQCB under Resolution No. 95-53 with the understanding that:
 - a. The NCRWQCB shall continue to implement provisions of existing State and Federal laws regarding the discharge of toxic pollutants. In particular, the NCRWQCB shall issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits in compliance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and applicable State and Federal regulations, including, but not limited to, 40 CFR, Section 122.44(d).
 - b. Within three years after DFG notifies the NCRWQCB that specific water bodies support threatened or endangered species and that scientific evidence indicates that certain existing water quality objectives for these water bodies do not adequately protect such species, the NCRWQCB shall determine, in consultation with DFG, whether these objectives are adequately protective. In cases where such existing objectives do not provide adequate protection for threatened and endangered species, the NCRWQCB shall develop and adopt adequately protective site-specific objectives for these constituents.
2. Authorizes the SWRCB staff to submit the approved Basin Plan amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and regulatory provisions to the OAL for approval.

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 held on November 16, 1995.


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Administrative Assistant to the Board