

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

RESOLUTION NO. 83-97

MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO REVIEW THE FLOOD MANAGEMENT  
PROCEDURES FOR COLORADO RIVER

WHEREAS:

1. The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation is charged with management of dams, including flood control, along the Colorado River system;
2. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region is charged with the prevention of water pollution and nuisance within California's Colorado River Basin Region;
3. During the past 20 years, Colorado River flows downstream of Hoover Dam have been low due to construction and filling of upstream reservoirs. Population growth and increased interest in water based recreation during this period have resulted in substantial development along the river.
4. During Summer 1983 Colorado River Flood Waters are overrunning and/or causing flooding by seepage in areas within California, causing severe flood damage, nuisance, and high water table, thus threatening water supplies by inundating sewerage facilities and wells;
5. Apparently, due to the unusual nature of the weather pattern the forecasting service was not able to give the Bureau of Reclamation sufficient advanced knowledge, so that the Bureau could take timely actions to prevent the record flood flows;
6. It appears that the present system of flood criteria forecasting, and management of dams are not satisfactory or sufficient to prevent major flooding possibilities along the Colorado River; now therefore be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region urges that the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Corps of Engineers, fully investigate the events and flood control procedures that contributed to the exceptional flooding along the Colorado River during Summer 1983;

*Cancelled  
9/20/89*

ALABAMA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 83-87

WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO REVIEW THE FLOOD MANAGEMENT  
PROCEDURES FOR COLORADO RIVER

WHEREAS:

1. The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation is  
concerned with management of areas including flood control along the  
Colorado River system.

2. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River  
Basin Region is charged with the prevention of water pollution and  
this use within California's Colorado River Basin Region.

3. During the past 20 years, Colorado River flow downstream of Hoover  
Dam have been low due to construction and filling of reservoirs.  
Production growth and increased interest in water based recreation during  
this period have resulted in substantial development along the river.

4. During summer 1983 Colorado River flood waters are overflowing and  
causing flooding by seepage in areas within California causing severe  
flow damage to homes and other vital facilities. This threatening water  
supplies by inundating sewerage facilities and wells.

5. Apparently, due to the unusual nature of the weather during the  
forecasting service was not able to give the Bureau of Reclamation  
sufficient advance knowledge so that the Bureau could take timely  
actions to prevent the record flood flows.

6. It reports that the present system of flood warning forecasting, and  
management of flows are not satisfactory or sufficient to prevent major  
floods possibilities along the Colorado River; now therefore be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River  
Basin Region urges that the United States Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Reclamation, and the Corps of Engineers, fully investigate the  
causes and flood control procedures that contributed to the excessive  
flooding along the Colorado River during summer 1983.

2. That the Bureau of Reclamation develop and distribute a report with recommendations to prevent a recurrence of major flooding along the Colorado River, for review by interested agencies and persons;
3. That this Regional Water Quality Control Board be provided with a copy of such report prepared by or for the Bureau of Reclamation.

I, Arthur Swajian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on September 21, 1983.

  
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Executive Officer