

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 70-23

IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE SILTATION CONTROL
FOR THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, conducted a conference at South Lake Tahoe on July 17, 1970, to review the siltation problem at Lake Tahoe during which the following facts were revealed:

1. Siltation is presently a major source of degradation of the water quality of Lake Tahoe;
2. Much of the siltation is caused by specific controllable activities of man;
3. No agency is presently adequately controlling the siltation problem;
4. It is necessary that the State and Regional Boards take immediate action to protect the waters of the Lake Tahoe Basin from further siltation damage.

Now, therefore, be it

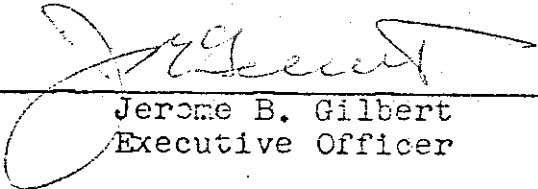
RESOLVED:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board commends the Lahontan Regional Board for recent actions taken to correct siltation problems at Tahoe Paradise Industrial Subdivision and asks the regional board to take immediate actions to correct other siltation problems by establishing and enforcing waste discharge requirements on the following specific sources: Heavenly Valley Ski Resort, El Dorado County Airport, El Dorado County storm drainage project for Tahoe Hills Subdivision, and Alpine Peaks Subdivision.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board directs its staff to cooperate with the staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, in preparing within 30 days a new water quality control plan for the Lake Tahoe Basin prohibiting discharges of silt and other earthen materials to all surface waters of the Lake Tahoe Basin and establishing all necessary procedures to permit direct legal action against all persons causing siltation.

3. The State Board hereby announces its intent that all enforcement powers of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act be used to assure correction of all man-caused siltation problems within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Officer 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 6, 1970.



Jerome B. Gilbert
Executive Officer