

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 78-10

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO ALTERNATIVE
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

WHEREAS:

1. The California Legislature has declared that the State Water Resources Control Board and each Regional Water Quality Control Board shall be the principal state agencies with primary responsibility for the coordination and control of water quality;
2. Over 2.5 million residents of the State of California are presently serviced by individual on-site wastewater disposal systems;
3. Even with an 87½ percent Clean Water Grant, the cost of conventional wastewater collection and treatment facilities are prohibitive for a number of unsewered communities. Furthermore, these conventional systems may be more energy intensive than low cost-low technology alternatives;
4. 429 unsewered areas appear on the State's current and five-year Clean Water Grants Priority List adopted by this Board on May 19, 1977;
5. There is a need to determine the cost effectiveness, reliability, and health acceptability of alternative wastewater management systems compared to standard conventional collection and treatment facilities;
6. There is almost no application of alternative systems in California and thus limited interest or knowledge of their place in water quality control programs;
7. The Board must concentrate its efforts to encourage and promote rational use of alternative systems so as not to degrade beneficial waters of the State or create public health or nuisance conditions and that the effort must involve the Regional Boards, local government health agencies and other State agencies; and
8. The Board has reviewed the document entitled, "Action Plan for Alternative Wastewater Management Systems Investigation and Implementation in California", dated February, 1978. The document recommends a variety of actions to encourage the generation of data on alternative systems and to expedite their application in California. Implementation of the Action Plan will require cooperation of Federal, State and local agencies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Water Resources Control Board does hereby announce its support and encouragement to greatly increase effort and emphasis on the use of alternative wastewater disposal systems;
2. That the State Board adopt the "Action Plan for Alternative Wastewater Management Systems Investigation and Implementation in California"; and
3. That the Executive Director is instructed to give the Action Plan wide distribution to the general public, present and potential Clean Water Grant applicants, public agencies and officials.

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 March 16, 1978.


Executive Director