

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 83-8

APPROVING THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR INNOVATIVE/ALTERNATIVE (I/A)
GRANTS AND ADOPTING MODIFICATIONS TO THE I/A PRIORITY SYSTEM

WHEREAS:

1. The Clean Water Act Amendments of 1981 authorized the continuation and expansion of the Innovative/Alternative (I/A) program.
2. The 1981 Amendments required that each state set aside at least 4% of its federal appropriation for I/A grants; up to 7 1/2% can be set aside at the state's discretion.
3. Los Angeles area sludge treatment and disposal projects, if fully I/A funded, could exhaust the mandatory I/A set-aside for at least four years.
4. There is a need to reserve I/A funds for other I/A technologies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board, beginning with the FY 1983 appropriation, limit sludge project I/A grants to no more than 4% of the federal appropriation and reserve a total of 5% for I/A grants.
2. That the Board adopt the proposed changes to the I/A priority system to encourage needed technologies, particularly for small communities. These changes include moving demonstrated alternative processes (overland flow, land application of sludge, and septic tank effluent pumping collection systems) from Class 2 to Class 3. Class 3 projects will be prioritized as follows:
 - a. septic tank effluent pumping (STEP) collection systems
 - b. digester gas energy recovery
 - c. beneficial sludge use
 - d. overland flow and silviculture
 - e. effluent irrigation and rapid infiltration
 - f. evaporation/percolation ponds
3. That the Board allow the Division of Water Quality to reclassify other processes from Classes 1 and 2 to Class 3 once they are demonstrated or become relatively conventional in California.

4. That the Board award I/A grants only to I/A Class 1 and 2 projects, unless I/A grants to Class 3 projects become necessary to avoid losing unobligated funds from the mandatory set-aside.
5. That the Board allow at least one potential onsite district to be moved to a fundable class on the FY 1983 priority list. Potential districts will be screened by the Division of Water Quality.

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 January 20, 1982.


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Executive Director