

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 83-79

CONSIDERATION OF REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN, CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN, BY THE ADDITION OF A PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISCHARGE FROM INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE PASATIEMPO AREA, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, (Regional Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (basin plan) on March 14, 1975.
2. Division 7 of the California Water Code specifies that basin plans shall be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
3. Pasatiempo Pines is an area of the City of Scotts Valley, and Lockwood Lane is an adjacent unincorporated area in Santa Cruz County.
4. Ground water is the sole source of water, and domestic water supply is designated beneficial use.
5. On-site subsurface disposal systems are the exclusive means of wastewater disposal in Pasatiempo Pines/Lockwood Lane.
6. High population density and unfavorable hydrogeology have resulted in ground water contamination.
7. The San Lorenzo Valley County Water District has discontinued using two wells because nitrate levels exceed public drinking standards.
8. The City of Scotts Valley, in conjunction with the Clean Water Grant Program, has prepared a report entitled "Pasatiempo Pines Wastewater Facilities Planning Study" which documents these effluent disposal and ground water problems.
9. Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed appropriate procedures to satisfy the environmental documentation requirements of both the California Environmental Quality Act, under Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 (Functional Equivalent), and the Federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (P. L. 92-500 and P. L. 95-217); the Regional Board found that adoption of this prohibition area will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
10. Based on the above facts and findings, on July 15, 1983 after a public hearing, the Regional Board revised Chapter 5 of the basin plan to include a discharge prohibition in Pasatiempo Pines and Lockwood Lane.

11. The State Board finds, consistent with Water Code Section 13280, there is substantial evidence in the record that the continued discharge of waste from individual or on-site sewage disposal systems will unreasonably degrade water quality.
12. The State Board finds, in satisfaction of the requirements of Water Code Section 13283, that the record includes a review of possible alternatives to prohibiting discharges from individual or on-site sewage disposal systems.
13. The State Board concurs that effluent disposal and ground water conditions are in need of remedy to protect present and potential beneficial uses of water and to prevent pollution and nuisance.
14. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the basin plan be amended as follows:

1. Insert the following prohibition on Page 5-66 (retyped version of Chapter 5), bottom of page, after paragraph ending with "...Tornoe Road to the Point of Beginning," (added by Resolution No. 83-04):

"6. Discharges from additional individual or on-site sewage disposal systems are prohibited, and discharges from existing individual sewage disposal systems are prohibited effective July 1, 1986, in the areas in the Pasatiempo Pines and Lockwood Lane portion of Santa Cruz County and more particularly described as follows:

(Legal Description)"

2. That the above area is consistent with the recommendations of the staff report as shown in Attachment A.

3. That the Regional Board does intend standard exemption criteria, contained in the basin plan, to apply to this action.

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 Board held on October 20, 1983.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Campos for". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed title.

Executive Director