

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 83- 85

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, CENTRAL VALLEY REGION, WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE TULARE LAKE BASIN (5D) REGARDING DISPOSAL OF AGRICULTURAL SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (5D) (basin plan) was adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (Regional Board) and approved by the State Board on August 21, 1975.
2. The basin plan contains a separate policy and implementation statement entitled "Agricultural Water and Wastewater Management".
3. Division 7, Section 13240, et seq., California Water Code, specifies that basin plans shall be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
4. On August 12, 1983, by Resolution No. 83-104, the Regional Board adopted an amendment to the basin plan addressing agricultural wastewater subsurface drainage (attached).
5. The amendment incorporates language which specifies conditions of waivers of agricultural subsurface drainage to surface water courses or to land from waste discharge requirements.
6. Section 13269 of the California Water Code gives the Regional Board authority to waive issuance of discharge requirements as to specific types of discharge; said waivers are conditional and may be terminated at any time.
7. The Regional Board duly noticed the proposed amendment, and all written and oral comments have been satisfied.
8. The Regional Board has determined that waivers from prescribed discharge requirements under the conditions of the amendment will not adversely affect beneficial uses or violate water quality objectives.
9. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.
10. The basin planning process has been certified as a functional equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13, Public Resources Code) for preparing environmental documents and is, therefore, exempt from those requirements under regulations contained in Section 15108, Title 14, of the California Administrative Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board approve the amendment to the basin plan which adds language to the policy on "Agricultural Water and Wastewater Management" as approved in Regional Board Resolution No. 83-104 (attached).

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 November 17, 1983.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael A. Campos".

Michael A. Campos
Executive Director