

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2005-0081

APPROVING AND ACCEPTING
THE CITY OF MARICOPA'S
DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL WATER POLLUTION
AND A
TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE
FOR
THE CITY OF MARICOPA
KERN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the California State Water Resources Control Board requires regional water quality control boards to provide recommendations for Small Community Grant Project priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa, Kern County, consists of 500 homes, businesses, and a school with community water supply, where about half of the lots rely on a community sewerage system and the others rely on on-site individual septic systems for wastewater treatment and disposal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa reports that on occasion, sewage backs up and overflows from the wastewater collection system, which is undersized and constructed of antiquated and failing materials; and

WHEREAS, at a 6 April 2005 Special Meeting, the Maricopa City Council authorized its mayor to sign a letter declaring a potential pollution problem and a time schedule for compliance; and

WHEREAS, on 20 April 2005, the Mayor of the City of Maricopa issued a declaration that the above conditions create a potential pollution problem and proposed a time schedule to mitigate the potential problem; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) adopted the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake, Second Edition*, (hereafter Basin Plan), which designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation plans and policies for protecting all waters of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, surface water drainage from the City of Maricopa is to Bitterwater Creek, for which the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses, including water contact and noncontact water recreation; warm fresh water habitat; and wildlife habitat, rare, threatened, or endangered species; and

WHEREAS, sewage overflows could drain to Bitterwater Creek or be transported to it with stormwater runoff and potentially pollute it; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa proposes to remedy the situation and has proposed a time schedule, but needs funding assistance and requests to be placed on the Small Community Grant Project priority list for planning, design, construction of sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, Regional Board has reviewed the declaration of a potential pollution problem and time schedule for compliance; and, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED that the Regional Board approves and accepts the City of Maricopa's declaration of a potential pollution problem and time schedule for mitigation; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Regional Board, recognizing the seriousness of the current situation, urges the State Water Resources Control Board to place the City of Maricopa in Priority Class B for Small Community Grant Program funding in fiscal year 2005/2006.

I, THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 24 June 2005.

THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer