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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 512

STATING THE POLICY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD RELATIVE TO WAIVING OF
REPORTS ON WASTE DISCHARGE FROM FAMILY DWELLINGS IN
AREAS WHERE THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE IS REGULATED BY THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

- I. WHEREAS, Section 13054 California Water Code provides that, "The reporting of a discharge of sewage from family dwellings in any area may be waived by the regional board"; and
- II. WHEREAS, the Alameda County Health Department has requested that this Regional Board express its policy with regard to the waiving of reports on waste discharge from family dwellings within Alameda County; and
- III. WHEREAS,
- A. Alameda County has an ordinance requiring that plans for septic tank installations be approved by the County Health Officer before construction of such installations is permitted;
- B. Those cities under the County Health Officer's jurisdiction have agreed that plans for septic tank installations require approval by the County Health Officer and such approval is based on the same ordinances and standards as apply in unincorporated areas;
- C. Those portions of Sanitary Districts lying in unincorporated areas are automatically subject to the same ordinance; and
- IV. WHEREAS, experience of the staff of this Board shows that:
- A. The use of septic tanks and leaching systems is, with few exceptions, a temporary solution to sewage disposal problems;
- B. Because of their temporary nature the installation of septic tanks and subsequent replacement with sewers is more expensive than construction of sewers at the outset; now
- V. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Regional Board urges that all responsible legislative and planning bodies in Alameda County and the Alameda County Health Department:
- A. Required connection to public sewers as a condition of development of any subdivision;
- B. Investigate the feasibility of connection to public sewers prior to approval of any septic tank permits;

- C. Deny septic tank permits where connection to a public sewer is feasible in the opinion of the County Health Officer;

VI. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Regional Board hereby waives the reporting of discharges of sewage from family dwellings in any area where the disposal of sewage is regulated by the Alameda County Health Department by means of permits and that this waiver is subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- A. The sewage is to be disposed of entirely in subsurface leaching systems approved by the County Health Department and complying with this Board's Resolution No. 81;
- B. "Family dwelling" for the purpose of this resolution, includes rest room and kitchen facilities serving:
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| 1. Restaurants | 6. Trailer camps |
| 2. Service stations | 7. Motels |
| 3. Stores | 8. Apartments |
| 4. Offices | 9. Schools |
| 5. Beaches and Parks | 10. Churches; |
- C. The sewage does not contain any industrial waste and does not originate at a manufacturing or processing plant site;
- D. That no disposal facilities shall be permitted where the City or district has adopted an ordinance compelling sewer connection and the public sewer is available in accordance with the terms of the ordinance;
- E. That the County Health Officer advise the Regional Board at the earliest possible date of all proposals to use septic tanks in new sub-divisions for the disposal of sewage;
- F. That this waiver does not apply whenever the County Health Officer believes that a report on waste discharge should be filed with the Regional Board;

VII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this waiver becomes effective sixty (60) days after adoption of this resolution and that the Regional Board reserves the right to review and amend the waiver at any time.

GRANT BURTON
Chairman

I, John B. Harrison, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 512, as adopted by the Regional Water Pollution Control Board of Region No. 2 at its regular meeting on October 17, 1963.

JOHN B. HARRISON
Executive Officer
REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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