

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

RESOLUTION NO. 92-043

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL MONITORING PLAN
WITHIN THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

- I. WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Board) has adopted a Water Quality Control Plan, San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) which recognizes the need for cost-effective, coordinated regional monitoring and surveillance to evaluate the effectiveness of it's water quality control program; and**
- II. WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board has adopted the Pollutant Policy Document which stated the need for a multi-media regional monitoring program to assess pollutant trends in the Bay-Delta; and**
- III. WHEREAS, the Regional Board since 1989 has implemented regional monitoring pilot studies through funds from the Bay Protection and Toxic Cleanup Program, Basin Planning Program, and grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and**
- IV. WHEREAS, the results of the Regional Board's pilot studies have demonstrated the ability to conduct cost-effective regional monitoring that addresses water quality management objectives; and**
- V. WHEREAS, the Regional Board under the Bay Protection and Toxic Cleanup Program has developed a Regional Monitoring Plan (Attachment A) that covers the entire estuarine system and is designed to evaluate it's water quality control program through the collection of information on the concentrations of pollutants in water, sediment and biota; and**
- VI. WHEREAS, the San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP), a State/Federal cooperative endeavor, is currently developing a comprehensive monitoring strategy and conducted a Regional Monitoring Workshop to begin identifying long-term program elements of the strategy including institutional arrangements and research needs; and**
- VII. WHEREAS, the participants of SFEP's Regional Monitoring Workshop generated a set of principles to guide the advancement of the monitoring strategy; and**

- VIII. WHEREAS, SFEP has requested that the Aquatic Habitat Institute Board of Directors recommend alternative institutional arrangements for conducting comprehensive regional monitoring and research within the Estuary; and
- IX. WHEREAS, the Regional Board will suspend selected current monitoring requirements for permitted dischargers in order for dischargers to redistribute resources to implement baseline portions of the Regional Monitoring Plan; and
- X. WHEREAS, the Regional Board recognizes that dischargers will need to expend additional resources in order to fully implement the Regional Monitoring Plan; and
- XI. WHEREAS, the Regional Board will be taking a phased approach to implementing the RMP to insure the effective management of the RMP; and
- XII. WHEREAS, this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Section 15306, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, in that it involves basic data collection, research, management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to the environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Board endorses in concept the development and implementation of a Regional Monitoring Program for San Francisco Bay and directs the Executive Officer to implement the Regional Monitoring Plan (Attachment A) pursuant to California Water Code Sections 13267 and 13383 (authority) and 13268 and 13385 (penalty provisions).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Officer will select dischargers to participate in the program based on the following criteria: discharger classification, representation of a high percentage of the permitted discharge flow to the Estuary and geographical distribution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Board's Executive Officer shall work with the selected dischargers to prepare an implementation plan for the RMP including a schedule for execution and submittal of progress reports and an annual report. The Executive Officer shall report to the Regional Board no later than July 15, 1992 on the status of implementation of the RMP including cost-sharing and institutional arrangements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Board, as part of SFEP, will continue to assist in the development of the regional monitoring strategy and will offer for consideration inclusion of this Regional Monitoring Plan into the SFEP strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Board no later than July 1, 1993 will notify additional selected permitted dischargers to require their participation in the implementing the Regional Monitoring Plan and expanding the Regional Monitoring Plan as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Board will include the requirement of participation in implementing the Regional Monitoring Plan into the selected dischargers' permits at the time of reissuance and issuance.

I, Steven R. Ritchie, 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, San Francisco Bay Region, on April 15, 1992.



**Steven R. Ritchie
Executive Officer**

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