

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 72-25

**OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF
PROPOSITION 9
ON THE JUNE PRIMARY BALLOT**

WHEREAS,

1. The State Water Resources Control Board desires to maintain, protect, and enhance the environment of the State of California.
2. Proposition 9 would prohibit any person with a financial interest in any discharger of waste to California waters from serving as a regional board member, thus excluding the majority of citizens from serving on boards, and would probably make it impossible to have persons appointed to regional boards under Section 13201 of the Water Code.
3. The restriction on the sulfur content of diesel fuel and composition of gasoline would adversely affect the transportation industry, thereby interfering with the rapid construction of waste treatment facilities.
4. The limitation on the contents of diesel fuel would encourage the use of other types of fuel, possibly resulting in a greater threat to air pollution.
5. The curtailment of nuclear power development would result in greater reliance on fossil fuel power plants, which result in air pollution problems not associated with nuclear power plants. A curtailment of all power development could ensue, creating a shortage of power necessary for operation of water pollution control facilities.
6. Proposition 9 fails to provide for a flexible approach to the regulation of air and water pollution, thus locking out the application of new technology to changing needs of the people of the State.
7. Section 22 of Proposition 9 would prevent the Legislature from upgrading environmental protection.
8. Many of the provisions of Proposition 9 are so ambiguous that massive litigation would result if passage occurs, with resulting confusion which would interfere with ongoing water pollution control programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Water Resources Control Board hereby expresses its opposition to Proposition 9.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Officer 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 May 4, 1972.

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Executive Officer