

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 75-10

EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S POSITION ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 208 OF THE
FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 1972

WHEREAS:

1. The Governor has delegated to the Board those powers and duties conferred upon the Governor by Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.
2. The Environmental Protection Agency is formulating regulations setting forth state planning responsibilities under Section 208.
3. It is desirable and necessary to provide guidance for use by staff in participation in work groups and advisory committees formed by EPA for the purpose of formulating regulations pursuant to, and a program to provide for compliance with, Section 208.
4. The State of California, acting through the Board, has in operation a basin water quality control planning program which addresses many of the requirements of Section 208 and will produce plans from such process by July 1, 1975.
5. The facilities planning under Section 201 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 and under the State Clean Water Bond Act of 1970 and all major urban-industrial areas either have completed or are expected to complete facilities plans for municipal treatment works within the next two years.
6. The California Water Code provides for a broad state regulatory program applicable to any discharge of waste, both point and nonpoint, which may affect the quality of surface and groundwaters of the state.
7. It is the desire and intent of the Board to conform to the provisions of federal and state law in an efficient and effective manner.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board expresses the following position with respect to implementation of Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972:

1. The state must be permitted maximum flexibility in determining to designate areawide planning areas and agencies.
2. The designation of particular geographic or demographic areas should not be mandated either directly or indirectly by regulation or policy.
3. Planning pursuant to the requirements of and carried out to satisfy Section 208 should be undertaken in the scope necessary to supplement the state's basin water quality control plans under Section 303(e) and facilities planning under Section 201 of the FWPCA Amendments of 1972.
4. The level of detail of planning pursuant to Section 208 must be commensurate with the complexity of water quality problems encountered or anticipated in a given area when such problems are not adequately addressed through existing planning and regulatory programs.

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 on February 20, 1975.

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Executive Officer