

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 86- 53

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR  
THE NORTH LAHONTAN BASIN CONCERNING CATTLE GRAZING IN THE EAGLE  
LAKE HYDROLOGIC UNIT

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, (Lahontan Regional Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) in 1975. Portions of the Basin Plan were amended in 1979, 1980, and 1983.
2. Division 7 of the California Water Code specifies that Basin Plans be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
3. On September 14, 1984, the Lahontan Regional Board amended portions of the Basin Plan concerning the Eagle Lake Hydrologic Unit, which did not include specific actions to limit impacts from cattle grazing activities.
4. Lahontan Regional Board staff reviewed the Basin Plan and relevant technical information and drafted amendments to the Basin Plan pertaining to cattle grazing activities in the Eagle Lake Hydrologic Unit.
5. The cattle grazing amendments add control measures to prevent adverse water quality impacts which could occur as a result of cattle grazing activities.
6. The Lahontan Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with both the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and the Federal Clean Water Act.
7. The draft Basin Plan amendment and environmental document were widely circulated for public review and comment.
8. Basin plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Board.
9. The State Board, after review of the Basin Plan amendment and the Lahontan Regional Board's records, finds that the proposed cattle grazing control measures as outlined in Lahontan Regional Board Resolution No. 85-17's attachment, entitled "Adopted Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Lahontan Basin Concerning Cattle Grazing in the Eagle Lake Hydrologic Unit", are adequate to protect water quality and the designated beneficial uses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The proposed Basin Plan amendment as drafted in the document entitled "Adopted Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Lahontan Basin Concerning Cattle Grazing in the Eagle Lake Hydrologic Unit" adopted by the Lahontan Regional Board at the August 9, 1985 public hearing through Lahontan Regional Board Resolution No. 85-17 be approved.
2. Approval of this amendment does not convey any assurance that resources will be available to evaluate and document water quality impacts from cattle grazing activities.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director 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 June 19, 1986.

  
Raymond Walsh  
Interim Executive Director