

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 95-13

AUTHORIZATION TO NOMINATE MORRO BAY
TO THE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. Section 320 of the federal Clean Water Act establishes the National Estuary Program, for the purpose of improving water quality and resource management in estuaries of national importance.
2. Section 320 further authorizes the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to grant funds to states, upon application by a state's Governor, for the purpose of convening a broad-based Management Conference, which over a three-year period develops a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the restoration and maintenance of the estuary.
3. The National Estuary Program has proven itself to be of great value and has brought about successful community-based estuary restoration efforts both in California and other states.
4. AB 640 designates Morro Bay as a "State Estuary", confirming California's vital interest in protecting the resources of this estuary.
5. The State Water Resources Control Board is the State agency charged with control of water quality and with oversight of the National Estuary Program in California, and with coordination of nominations to the program.
6. The California Environmental Protection Agency has asked the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a National Estuary Program nomination package for Morro Bay in the current funding cycle.
7. The National Estuary Program grants require that the recipient state contribute non-federal matching funds equal to 25 percent of the cost of the project and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board has committed to provide the matching funds.
8. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has established a deadline of March 7, 1995 for receipt of completed National Estuary Program nominations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board supports and authorizes the nomination of Morro Bay for inclusion in the National Estuary Program.
2. The State of California will meet the requirement for project matching funds through budgetary commitments by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as outlined in the National Estuary Program.
3. The Executive Director shall transmit this National Estuary Program nomination to the Administrator of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency through California Environmental Protection Agency by March 7, 1995, after approval by the Governor.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the 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 16, 1995.

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