

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

SAN DIEGO REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 95-55

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE PORTION OF STATE WATER PROJECT WATER IN IMPORTED WATER SUPPLIES FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY

WHEREAS, This Regional Board has a long history of encouraging uses of reclaimed water that displace the need for importation of potable water supplies; and,

WHEREAS, The use of reclaimed water for irrigation of crops, landscape, golf courses, parks and other areas provides an important local water source and a productive, environmentally sound means of reducing the need for imported water in the San Diego Region; and,

WHEREAS, In order to insure optimum use of reclaimed water for irrigation a desirable goal is to maintain the concentration of total dissolved solids in reclaimed water at or below 1000 milligrams per liter; and,

WHEREAS, The salinity of reclaimed water in San Diego County is primarily dependent on the salinity of the imported potable water supplies; and,

WHEREAS, An imported water supply consisting of a blend of State Water Project water and Colorado River water, with a total dissolved solids concentration of 600 milligrams per liter or less, is desirable to insure reclaimed water supplies in San Diego County are suitable for all intended uses; and,

WHEREAS, Due to the recent drought conditions, and other factors, forcing the Metropolitan Water District to cut back on imports from the State Water Project, the imported water supply for San Diego County has been comprised of more than 90 percent Colorado River water for the past few years; and,

WHEREAS, The salinity of the Colorado River water has been increasing and, as a result, the ability of reclaimed water producers in San Diego County to provide reclaimed water supplies with a total dissolved solids concentration at or below 1000 milligrams per liter is threatened; and,

WHEREAS, The San Diego County Water Authority has been working with the Metropolitan Water District on ways to resolve the problem of excess salinity in imported water supplies in San Diego County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Regional Board supports the efforts of the San Diego County Water Authority to provide imported water supplies for San Diego County that have the lowest possible salinity; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Regional Board strongly urges the Metropolitan Water District to take whatever measures are feasible to provide optimum levels of State Water Project water in San Diego County water supplies to insure the viability of meaningful water reclamation programs.

I, Arthur L. Coe, 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 Diego Region, on March 9, 1995.



Arthur L. Coe
Executive Officer