

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 665

**POLICY STATEMENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
WITH RESPECT TO THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE FROM CERTAIN VESSELS INTO THE WATERS
OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY.**

- I. WHEREAS, this Regional Water Pollution Control Board, pursuant to Division 7 California Water Code, regulates the discharge of sewage and industrial waste into San Francisco Bay and adjacent tidal waters so as to prevent hazards to the public health, nuisance, and unreasonable damage to beneficial water use; and
- II. WHEREAS, untreated wastes are being discharged to these waters from certain vessels over which this Board has no jurisdiction; and
- III. WHEREAS, these vessels are owned by or under the jurisdiction of the following:
 - A. Foreign nations
 - B. The United States Government
 - C. The State of California; and
- IV. WHEREAS, this Regional Board is aware that the Federal Government has initiated action toward the correction of the problem as evidenced by the November 1964 report by the United States Public Health Service to the President's Water Pollution Control Advisory Board; now
- V. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Regional Board is deeply concerned by the following statements from the above mentioned report:

"This is a continuing and serious problem in which only slight progress toward solution has been made." and

"Foreign ships coming into United States waters pose a large part of the shipboard waste disposal problem for which there appears no satisfactory solution as yet";
- VI. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Regional Board finds that this problem, because of its interstate and international ramifications, should be regulated by the Federal Government;
- VII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Regional Board:
 - A. Compliments those Federal Agencies that have taken steps to correct this problem for vessels under their ownership or control;
 - B. Urges the Congress and the Federal Administration to give priority to the working out of this problem as it relates to vessels under Federal ownership and/or control as well as to foreign vessels.
 - C. Urges all California State Agencies that own and/or operate vessels to initiate corrective actions;

VIII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board's Executive Officer is instructed to transmit copies of this Resolution to all agencies named herein and to all others having an interest in this problem.

GRANT BURTON
Chairman

May 20, 1965

I, John B. Harrison, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 665, as adopted by the Regional Water Pollution Control Board of Region No. 2, at its regular meeting on May 20, 1965.

JOHN B. HARRISON, Executive Officer
REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD NO.2