State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. L-5

Relating to the Open Burning of Nonindustrial Wood Waste at a Designated Site

WHEREAS, Section 41800 of the Health and Safety Code prohibits the use of open outdoor fires for the purpose of disposal or burning of petroleum wastes, demolition debris, tires, tar, trees, wood waste, or other combustible or flammable solid or liquid waste, or for metal salvage or burning of motor vehicle bodies;

WHEREAS, Section 41804.5 of the Health and Safety Code allows the Air Resources Board to authorize, subject to the limitations in Section 41803, the use of open outdoor fires by a city or county at a designated site to dispose of nonindustrial wood waste at disposal sites located above 1500 feet elevation mean sea level and burning shall occur only on permissive agricultural burn days;

WHEREAS, Section 41803 states that no authorization, however, under Section 41804.5 shall be granted after such date as the Air Resources Board may determine, based upon a finding that an alternative method of disposal has been developed which is technologically and economically feasible;

WHEREAS, Placer County has submitted an application to the Air Resources Board for approval to burn nonindustrial wood waste at a designated site;

WHEREAS, the staff of the Board has reviewed the application and found that the County has supplied all information required by the State Board and the submitted proposal is in compliance with state law;

WHEREAS, such fires will not significantly prevent the attainment or maintenance of the ambient air quality standards only if confined to the period when such standards are not expected to be exceeded (December 1st through May 31st);

WHEREAS, the Placer County Air Pollution Control District based the dispersion model on the assumptions that the burning will occur during an incoming storm and only once per year during the period December 1st through May 31; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Officer is authorized by Section 39516 of the Health and Safety Code and Resolution 78-10 to act on behalf of the Board in this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Executive Officer hereby approves Placer County's application to burn nonindustrial wood waste at the following designated site:

2.4 acres of the North Tahoe Sanitary Landfill

Subject to the following conditions:

1. Only one burn shall be permitted to take place each year during the period from December 1st through May 31st.

2. Burning is to be commenced only on a permissive agricultural burn day.

3. Permits to burn must be obtained from the local fire protection agency having jurisdiction and from the Placer County Air Pollution Control District.

4. Only nonindustrial wood waste can be burned.

5. Prior to each burn, an inspection at the site shall be made by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District to assure that only nonindustrial wood waste is burned.

6. Burning will be permitted during an incoming wet weather front.

7. This executive order will become invalid when the Air Resources Board determines that an alternative method of disposal has been developed which is technologically and economically feasible.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 8th day of January, 1980.

Gary Rubenstein
for Thomas C. Austin
Executive Officer