

Exhibit A

Resolution 82-1

PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATERS FROM OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry has been actively expanding its operations into many areas which up to recent times have been bypassed mainly because of economic conditions unfavorable for the development of production; and

WHEREAS, in these same areas there are generally fresh, usable or potentially usable groundwaters to be negotiated in the exploration, drilling, production, salt water disposal, enhanced recovery, and plugging operations of the oil and gas industry; and

WHEREAS, the technology and public mandate currently exists to adequately protect from pollution and further degradation the fresh, usable and potentially usable groundwaters of these new development areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION THAT:

1. The oil and gas industry from this day forward aggressively endeavor to upgrade all operations to a level which will guarantee that all above mentioned groundwaters will not be affected in any way as a result of these operations;
2. The oil and gas industry endeavor to upgrade existing and abandoned fields to the standards which are currently accepted as environmentally safe;
3. The appropriate state agency(s) responsible for the monitoring and regulation of the oil and gas industry within each state reconsider its policies, rules and regulations and field procedures to insure that absolute protection is being given to any of the above mentioned groundwaters which may be affected.