

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 0053**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY GRANT  
PROGRAM (AWQGP) GUIDELINES**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is authorized to administer approximately \$40.9 million in bond funds from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) and the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) for the AWQGP;
2. The SWRCB will be authorized to administer approximately \$5.5 million in federal funds pursuant to Section 319(h) of the federal Clean Water Act for local nonpoint source pollution control activities upon enactment of the federal 2005 budget;
3. Surface water quality problems associated with discharges from irrigated agricultural lands are some of the most widespread water quality problems in California;
4. Funding is needed to define and identify sources of surface water quality problems associated with irrigated agricultural discharges, and implement measures to address the problems;
5. The SWRCB has considered input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a broad spectrum of stakeholders, and the public regarding the development and implementation of the AWQGP; and
6. The draft Guidelines have been distributed for public comment, and the comments have been taken into consideration.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Adopts the draft [AWQGP Guidelines](#);
2. Restricts AWQGP Proposition 40 and 50 funding to projects that address surface water quality problems associated with discharges from irrigated agricultural lands;
3. Dedicates up to \$11.4 million of Proposition 40 funds to monitoring projects; and

4. Places a maximum grant amount and funding match on a per project basis, and sets the maximum grant amount and funding match as follows:

	Maximum Grant/Project	Required Funding Match
Monitoring Projects	\$ 500,000	50 Percent
Implementation Projects	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>20 Percent</u>

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, Clerk 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 August 26, 2004.

  
Debbie Irvin  
Clerk to the Board