### STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2010–0030

# ALLOCATE \$702,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) FOR THE MERCURY LISTING AND CLEANUP TOOL DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION CLEANUP PROJECT (PROJECT)

### WHEREAS:

- 1. The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) is requesting \$702,000 from the CAA for the Project;
- Abandoned mines and hydraulic mining debris are legacy sources of mercury contamination. Transport, methylation, and bioaccumulation of mercury from abandoned mines and mercury-contaminated mine waste in the state's water bodies pose a threat to human health and the environment;
- 3. The current methods for listing mercury-impaired water bodies under Clean Water Act Section 303(d) are limited;
- 4. The Project will develop a tool for evaluating mercury cleanups and identifying mercuryimpaired water bodies;
- The effectiveness of the tool will be evaluated through a cleanup demonstration project on Deer Creek or the South Fork of the Yuba River to stabilize mercury contaminated hydraulic mining debris; and
- 6. The requested allocation is consistent with the purposes of Water Code Section 13442. Section 13442 provides that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) may order moneys to be paid from the CAA to a public agency with authority to cleanup or abate the effects of a waste "to assist it in cleaning up the waste or abating its effects on the waters of the state."

# THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves funding \$702,000 from the CAA to DWQ for the Project; and
- 2. Shall revert to the CAA any unexpended funds as of December 21, 2013, unless the Deputy Director or Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authorizes an extension. The funds will be available until February 28, 2014.

# 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 Board held on July 6, 2010.

AYE: Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber Board Member Arthur G. Baggett, Jr. Board Member Walter G. Pettit

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin Board Member Tam M. Doduc

ABSTAIN: None

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