STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0049

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE
TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE AND ENHANCE THE
GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (Water Code section 10780 et seq.) required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop a statewide comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring program as part of its Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program.
- Expenditure authority for GAMA Program contracts included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget totals \$4,302,690 from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund. This total includes funding based on the Budget Act of 2015.
- 3. The GAMA Program proposes to use these funds to continue and enhance the GAMA Program by: (1) supporting the Priority Basin Project to provide a comprehensive assessment of groundwater quality in drinking water aquifers, (2) coordinating with Regional Water Boards to identify and perform essential special groundwater quality projects, (3) working with agencies and stakeholder entities to make more groundwater information publicly available, and (4) providing groundwater quality information to groundwater management agencies and dischargers for use in decision making.
- 4. The State Water Board implements GAMA Program projects through collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in contract agreements, as well as contracts for GeoTracker GAMA information system maintenance and enhancement, and domestic well laboratory analyses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$4,302,690 to continue and enhance the GAMA Program and to address drought related groundwater issues.

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 July 21, 2015.

AYE: Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber

Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair Felicia Marcus

Board Member Steven Moore

ABSTAIN: None

for Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board