STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0056

APPROVAL OF THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$750,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO TULARE COUNTY (COUNTY) FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE INTERIM EMERGENCY BOTTLED WATER PROGRAM (PROGRAM)

WHEREAS:

- 1. Senate Bill 103 (Stats. 2014, ch. 2) appropriated \$4 million from the CAA to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies;
- The County received a \$500,000 grant in July 2014 to provide interim emergency bottled drinking water to its residents whose drinking water supplies are contaminated;
- Assembly Bill (AB) 91 (Stats. 2015, ch. 1) appropriated \$15 million from the CAA to address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies and \$4 million to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies;
- On May 19, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted <u>Resolution No. 2015-0035</u>, which delegated authority and approved <u>Funding Guidelines</u> for administering the \$19 million in AB 91 emergency drinking water funding;
- 5. The County is requesting an additional \$750,000 from the CAA for the Program;
- 6. The requested additional funding will allow the County to continue its existing bottled water program, uninterrupted, for up to 33 months. It will also allow the County to provide bottled water to its residents whose wells have run dry as a result of the drought; and
- 7. The requested allocation is consistent with the Funding Guidelines and directly supports the human right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves the allocation of up to \$750,000 from the CAA to fund the continuation of the County's Program; and
- 2. Makes the funds available until May 31, 2018.

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 August 18, 2015.

AYE: Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Steven Moore Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair Felicia Marcus

ABSTAIN: None

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