

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

**ITEM 5**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT THE GROUNDWATER AMBIENT AND MONITORING ASSESSMENT (GAMA) PROGRAM

**DISCUSSION**

The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (AB 599- Water Code Sections 10780 et seq.) resulted in a publicly accepted plan to improve the GAMA Program's groundwater monitoring and to increase the availability of groundwater quality information to the public. The GAMA Program includes priority basin assessments, domestic well monitoring, and special groundwater quality studies projects. The State Water Board implements GAMA Program projects through collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in contract agreements.

An Ambient Water Monitoring Surcharge on waste discharger permit fees (WDPF) funds some of the GAMA projects (found in California Code of Regulations Title 23, Section 2200). The WDPF funds expected to be available for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 are as follows:

Title 23, Section 2200, CCR (WDPF)	Includes an Ambient Water Monitoring Surcharge	\$ 1,312,690
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**POLICY ISSUE**

Should the State Water Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$1,312,690, to continue to implement the GAMA Program?

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funds available from WDPF are \$1,312,690. State Water Board's staff-work associated with this action can be accomplished within budgeted resources.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION THAT**

The State Water Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$1,312,690, to continue to implement the GAMA Program.

# **D R A F T**

## **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2008-**

### **AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT THE GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT (GAMA) PROGRAM**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (AB 599, Liu) required the State Water Board to develop a statewide comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring program as part of its GAMA Program;
2. Funding is earmarked for GAMA Program implementation; and
3. Expenditure authority for contracts that is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget totals \$1,312,690 from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund.

#### **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 \$1,312,690, to continue to implement the Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program.

#### **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 November 4, 2008.

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board