

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
AUGUST 4, 2009**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT THE GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING ASSESSMENT (GAMA) PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (AB 599–Water Code Section 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 Resources Control Board (State Water Board) implements GAMA Program projects through collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in contract agreements.

GAMA Projects are funded in part by an Ambient Water Monitoring Surcharge, on waste discharge permit fees (found in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 23 Section 2200). The funds from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF) expected to be available for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 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 WATER 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.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to enhance and improve accessibility of groundwater quality information. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective/Action 5.2.2 to advance the start of the Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 and use online mapping.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE
TO ENTER INTO 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 Resources Control Board (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 2009-10 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 GAMA 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 August 4, 2009.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board