

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JUNE 16, 2009**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE \$600,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO THE CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD) TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT HYDROMODIFICATION CONTROLS ON MUNICIPAL STORMWATER DISCHARGES IN THE REGION AND STATE

DISCUSSION

The Central Coast Water Board requests a one-time funding of \$600,000 for the development of hydromodification control criteria for addressing stormwater discharges from 30-60 municipalities in the Central Coast Region.

The overall effort to develop a hydromodification control criteria and to implement the resulting criteria throughout the Central Coast, is a multi-year, multi-phase effort. This proposal requests \$600,000 from the CAA to develop hydromodification control criteria methodology specifically for municipal stormwater discharges and apply it across the Central Coast Region. This effort will build off the best scientific and technical principles on the subject of hydromodification impacts and control measures. Specific tasks include:

- Characterizing the problem of hydromodification to encompass the downstream impacts of urbanization
- Laying out objectives of the project, focusing on data reduction techniques, assessment methods, providing implementation strategies, and maintaining coordination with the Hydromodification/LID TAC
- Identifying sources of data and cataloging availability
- Reviewing and acknowledging contributions of previous studies
- Gathering existing watershed data
- Collecting field data to fill gaps
- Identifying and classifying representative subwatershed areas and receiving water bodies with similar characteristics

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.”

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board:

1. Approve funding \$600,000 from the CAA to the Central Coast Water Board to develop and implement hydromodification controls on municipal stormwater discharges in the Region and the State?
2. Require that the Central Coast Water Board prepare and submit a report to the State Water Board no less than annually on this project's progress?

FISCAL IMPACT

As of May 14, 2009, the uncommitted CAA balance is estimated to be no less than \$2.5 million according to the most current data.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes, the Central Coast Water Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board:

1. Approves funding \$600,000 from the CAA to the Central Coast Water Board to develop and implement hydromodification controls on municipal stormwater discharges in the Region and the State.
2. Requires that the Central Coast Water Board prepare and submit a report to the State Water Board no less than annually on this project's progress.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012, to comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration, and the relationship between water supply and water quality, and describe the connections between water quality, water quantity, and climate change, throughout California's water planning processes. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 4.2 to provide a clear structure that readily conveys key elements (e.g., beneficial uses, potential impacts of climate change, water quality objectives, goals for watersheds, plans for achieving those goals, and monitoring to inform and adjust the plans) and that fully integrates other statewide plans and policies such as the California Ocean Plan.

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WHEREAS:

1. The Central Coast Water Board requests a one-time funding of \$600,000 for the development of hydromodification control criteria for addressing stormwater discharges from 30-60 municipalities in the Central Coast Region;
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves funding \$600,000 from the CAA to the Central Coast Water Board to develop and implement hydromodification controls on municipal stormwater discharges in the Region and the State;

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2. Requires that the Central Coast Water Board prepare and submit a report to the State Water Board no less than annually on this project's progress; and
3. The funds will be available until June 30, 2012. Any unexpended funds as of June 20, 2012 shall revert to the CAA, unless the Deputy Director or Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authorizes an extension.

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 June 16, 2009.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board