

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL GRANT TO CONTINUE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AT THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY AND THE SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORY

DISCUSSION

The Department of Energy (DOE) provides funding to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) through a grant for reimbursement of regulatory oversight of investigation and cleanup at DOE facilities. State Water Board authorization is necessary to receive federal funds.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) oversees investigation and cleanup at four DOE facilities and the DOE has reimbursed those oversight costs since 1994. The federal grants are on different grant cycles. The most recent DOE grant for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and Sandia National Laboratory (SANDIA), both located in Livermore, expired September 30, 2010.

A new grant is proposed in the amount of \$132,168 to continue to fund the San Francisco Bay Water Board's oversight activities at LLNL and SANDIA for the three-year period of October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2013.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to accept up to \$150,000 in federal funds to continue regulatory oversight activities at the DOE's LLNL and SANDIA?

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed grant would continue the regulatory oversight activities at LLNL and SANDIA with federal grant funds. The State Water Board budget has adequate expenditure authority to expend these funds.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes. San Francisco Bay Water Board staff have had no funding for LLNL and SANDIA since September 30, 2010. Until this Resolution is approved, San Francisco Bay Water Board staff cannot provide regulatory oversight at two DOE facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to accept up to \$150,000 in federal funds to continue regulatory oversight activities at the DOE's LLNL and SANDIA.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in implementing Priority 2 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to protect and restore groundwater quality. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 2.3 to ensure the viability of high quality groundwater basins and the cleanup of contamination.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2010-

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL GRANT TO CONTINUE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AT THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY AND THE SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORY

WHEREAS:

1. The San Francisco Bay Regional Board has been performing regulatory oversight activities using Department of Energy (DOE) grants since 1994 at four DOE sites. The current grant for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and the Sandia National Laboratory (SANDIA) ended September 30, 2010.
2. A new grant is proposed in the amount of \$132,168 to continue to fund the San Francisco Bay Water Board's oversight activities at LLNL and SANDIA for the three-year period of October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2013.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to accept up to \$150,000 in federal funds to continue regulatory oversight activities at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Sandia National Laboratory.

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 December 14, 2010.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board