

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION –DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
JANUARY 10, 2012**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE 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 development of a statewide comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring program to establish baseline groundwater quality information, groundwater quality trends, 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. The State Water Resource Control Board implements GAMA Program projects through collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in contract agreements, as well as contracts for GAMA database maintenance and enhancement and for domestic well laboratory analyses.

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). Funds from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF) in the amount of \$1,322,690 are expected to be available for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

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 \$1,322,690, to continue to implement the GAMA Program?

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds available from WDPF are \$1,322,690. 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.

Water Board action on this item State 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. 2012-

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE
TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE 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 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 2011-12 budget totals \$1,322,690 from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF).

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 \$1,322,690, 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 January 10, 2012.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board