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SUBJECT: Penn Mine Environmental Restoration Project, Calaveras County- Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Apply for Funds from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account

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REPORT: The Regional Board in conjunction with the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) has substantially completed the Penn Mine Environmental Project. The purpose of the project was to minimize acidic mine discharges from the mine and return the site to pre-mining conditions. Major construction activities included landfill construction, mine waste excavation and disposal, and landfill closure. Restoration activities included streambed restoration, wastewater treatment plant removal, and removal of the surface impoundments and Mine Run Dam.

The original project budget was \$10 million, with the State and EBMUD equally sharing the costs. As the project moves into the final phase, additional funds are required for leachate management, post-closure activities, site maintenance, and water quality monitoring. Board staff propose a resolution that authorizes the Executive Office to apply for funding from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account. The total amount of funds requested is \$1.3 million.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to apply for \$1.3 million from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account for Penn Mine.

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____