

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 0069**

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS
AND AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE
GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING IN THE GROUNDWATER AMBIENT
MONITORING ASSESSMENT (GAMA) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

1. The mission of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations;
2. Ambient water quality monitoring provides valuable information to assess the potential impacts of pollutants on the beneficial uses of water;
3. Assembly Bill 599 requires the SWRCB to develop a statewide groundwater quality monitoring program that builds on SWRCB's GAMA Program and designs new elements to establish a program capable of assessing each groundwater basin through direct and other statistically reliable sampling approaches;
4. Proposition 50 provides for up to \$10,000,000 for implementation of the statewide groundwater quality monitoring program. This amount will be reduced somewhat due to bond issuance and administrative costs. In addition, Title 23, Section 2200 of the California Code of Regulations (waste discharge permit fees) has been amended to include an Ambient Water Monitoring Surcharge and \$1,311,000 annually has been allocated to replace General Fund contracts to implement the GAMA Program; and
5. Expenditure authority for this agreement is included in the budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract(s) and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$10,461,000, to implement the statewide groundwater quality monitoring 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 October 21, 2004.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board