# STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2008-0039

ADOPTING THE INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FUNDING LIST AND CONCURRENCE WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES' IRWM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT
FUNDING LIST

### WHEREAS:

- 1. Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 authorizes approximately \$412 million to implement projects that protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water while encouraging water management on a regional level;
- The IRWM Grant Program is administered jointly by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR);
- 3. The IRWM Round 2 Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSP) were adopted by the State Water Board and approved by DWR in June 2007;
- 4. In accordance with the requirements of Proposition 50, public participation in the development of the PSPs was provided through public workshops and applicant assistance workshops;
- 5. The State Water Board and DWR jointly invited selected applicants to submit the IRWM Implementation Grant Round 2, Step 2 proposals in November 2007, with a January 14, 2008 submittal deadline;
- 6. The proposals were reviewed for technical merit based on criteria outlined in the IRWM Implementation Grant Round 2, Step 1 and Step 2 PSPs, and the projects recommended for funding have shown competitive technical merit;
- 7. An IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List with grants totaling approximately \$31.1 million (Exhibit A) has been recommended to the State Water Board; and
- 8. DWR is considering approval of an IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List with grants totaling approximately \$27.1 million (Exhibit B).
- 9. It is the best interests of the State to award IRWM funds to bring projects that address water supply, water quality, and other related issues to fruition.

10. All Round 2, Step 2 proposals are of high quality, but current available grant funds are insufficient to award funding to all applicants.

## THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

#### The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves the IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List and authorizes staff to issue grant agreements and amendments; and
- 2. Concurs with DWR's IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List.
- 3. The Executive Director shall work with DWR to identify and to provide funding to all nine Proposition 50, Round 2, Step 2 applicants and at a minimum to encourage DWR to consider incorporation into future IRWM Guidelines, provisions that ease application burdens on unfunded Proposition 50, Round 2, Step 2 applicants.

## **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 3, 2008.

AYE: Chair Tam M. Doduc

Vice Chair Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D

Frances Spivy-Weber

NAY: None

ABSENT: Arthur G. Baggett, Jr. ABSTAIN: Charles R. Hoppin

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