AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FEDERAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE GRANTS AND EXECUTE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (U.S. EPA) AND/OR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)

WHEREAS:

1. California will be eligible to receive a Federal Economic Recovery Grant from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund estimated at $15 million for Federal Fiscal Year 2009;

2. California will be eligible to receive a Federal Economic Recovery Grant for assessing and cleaning up brownfield sites estimated at $10 million for Federal Fiscal Year 2009;

3. California may be eligible to receive Federal Economic Recovery Grants from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund and for assessing and cleaning up brownfield sites for Federal Fiscal Year 2010;

4. Authority is needed for the Executive Director to apply for and accept Federal Economic Recovery Grants and any amendments; and

5. The Federal funds will supplement other sources of State funding for assessing and cleaning up petroleum contamination from leaking underground storage tanks and for assessing and cleaning up brownfield sites.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board):

1. Authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to apply for and accept Federal Economic Recovery Grants and any amendments; and
2. Authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to execute Cooperative Agreements with U.S. EPA and/or the DTSC.

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 March 17, 2009.

AYE: Chair Charles R. Hoppin
     Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
     Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
     Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board