STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-0022

ALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $200,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (SAN DIEGO WATER BOARD) FOR THE REMOVAL OF MARINE DEBRIS FROM A-8 ANCHORAGE, SAN DIEGO BAY, SAN DIEGO.

WHEREAS:

1. The San Diego Water Board requests $200,000 to support the remaining cleanup of a location in San Diego Bay designated as the A-8 Anchorage;

2. San Diego Bay has historically been subjected to waste discharges from both shore-side sources and from boats, vessels and activities taking place on or over the water. There have been significant successful efforts to remove pollutants from the San Diego Bay including dredging and debris removal in locations where discharges have occurred within leaseholds or within limited areas;

3. The area in San Diego Bay designated as the A-8 Anchorage has long been a location where irresponsible owners of anchored boats have caused discharges of waste through willful acts, including the eventual sinking of boats after abandonment. The San Diego Unified Port District has aggressively acted in recent years to remove the sunken boats and clear the bottom area of debris;

4. The cleanup has nearly been completed; however the remaining funds needed to finalize the project is not available. The San Diego Water Board is requesting financial assistance from the CAA in order to clean up this final area of the A-8 Anchorage; and

5. The requested allocation is consistent with the purposes of the Water Code section 13442. Water Code section 13442 provides that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) may order moneys to be paid from CAA to a public agency with authority to cleanup or abate the effects of a waste in order “to assist it in cleaning up the waste or abating its effects on waters of the state.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of funds of $200,000 from the CAA to the San Diego Water Board to support the remaining cleanup of a location in San Diego Bay designated as the A-8 Anchorage; and
2. The funds will be available until March 31, 2012. Any unexpended funds, as of March 31, 2012, shall revert to CAA, unless the Deputy Director or Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authorizes an extension.

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