WHEREAS:

1. The San Gabriel Valley groundwater basin provides drinking water for over one million people;

2. A portion of the San Gabriel Valley groundwater basin is contaminated with volatile organic compounds and nitrates at concentrations exceeding State and federal drinking water standards;

3. The San Gabriel Valley groundwater basin was placed on the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (U.S. EPA’s) National Priorities List in 1984;

4. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) has been investigating sources of groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel Valley since October 1985 in an attempt to identify potential responsible parties;

5. In April 1988, the Los Angeles Water Board endorsed a program strategy and action plan for continuing the cleanup of the San Gabriel Valley groundwater basin; and

6. U.S. EPA intends to augment the current year grant of $350,000 by $155,000 to fund Los Angeles Water Board staff to continue source identification activities in the San Gabriel Valley.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That the State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to accept approximately $155,000 in federal grant funds from U.S. EPA to continue contaminant source identification activities in the San Gabriel Valley by the Los Angeles Water Board.

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 April 7, 2009.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board