WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) recognizes the need for and benefit of enhancing professional development opportunities for Water Board employees to increase their knowledge, skills, and expertise through Goal #7 of the State Water Board Strategic Plan. The State Water Board further recognizes the need for and benefit of providing necessary training about water quality and water rights issues to other government agencies, the regulated community and the general public;

2. The State Water Board authorized (via State Water Board Resolution No. 2002-0088) the Executive Director or designee to negotiate, execute, and amend, if necessary, an Interagency Agreement with the University of California for an amount not to exceed $1,100,000.00 for the Training Initiative and Water Board Training Academy (Academy);

3. The State Water Board FY 2008-09 budget provides $900,000 for the Academy. This level of funding is projected in future year budgets. In addition, upon request, the Academy provides support and contract management services to other Water Board programs or Regional Boards for specific, limited term projects, receiving addition funds from those programs or Regional Boards, as needed;

4. The Academy has provided the State Water Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Board staff with training to develop the comprehensive skills necessary to effectively perform in their positions; and

5. The proposed FY 2008-09 amendment to the Interagency Agreement with the University of California, and future agreements or contracts with other parties will continue to ensure that employees have the tools and support they need to be successful in addressing critical water resource issues, and improve how staff interacts and communicates with the California community we serve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to amend or enter into new and amended interagency agreements and contracts with the Regents of the University of California and other vendors using the annual Academy budget of $900,000.00 per year. In addition to the $900,000 authorized above, the Executive Director or designee is authorized to transfer funds from various State Water Board programs or from Regional Boards to the Academy and to amend or enter into new and amended interagency agreements and contracts with the Regents of the
University of California and other vendors to conduct training for the benefit of those programs or Regional Boards. This authorization is for a 5-year period beginning with the adoption of this resolution.

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