WHEREAS:

1. The federal Clean Water Act section 319(h) (CWA 319[h]) provides grant funds for states to implement nonpoint source (NPS) management programs;

2. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the designated State agency in California to administer the NPS Program;

3. In November 2001, the State Water Board adopted its Strategic Plan, which identifies the implementation of a Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) as an ongoing high priority initiative which coordinates many State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board activities under the WMI;

4. On December 14, 1999 and January 11, 2000, the State Water Board and the California Coastal Commission, respectively, approved the Plan for California’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (NPS Program Plan), which includes activities the State will undertake to control NPS pollution;

5. On July 11, 2000, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration approved California’s NPS Program Plan;

6. The U.S. EPA has notified the State Water Board that the federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 CWA 319(h) grant allocation of approximately $11,038,000 will be available to the State;

7. On August 11, 2008, a solicitation notice for the 2009 319(h) NPS Grant Program was released to initiate the solicitation process for CWA 319(h) for projects totaling approximately $5,253,000; and

8. On April 21, 2009, the State Water Board approved projects to be funded with the 2009 CWA 319(h) grant funds, including approximately $450,000 from the 2008 CWA 319(h) grant funds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director to apply for, accept, and amend, as necessary, an FFY 2009 CWA section 319(h) grant for approximately $11,038,000 for support of the NPS Program;

2. Authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and approve program workplans;
3. Authorizes the issuance of grants, contracts, and amendments that support the NPS Program; and

4. Authorizes the issuance of grants, contracts, and amendments to implement the NPS proposals presented to and approved by the State Water Board on April 21, 2009, once the grant is received.

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 May 5, 2009.

AYE: Chairman 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