AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL X2 1 (SB X2 1) (PERATA, 2008-WATER CODE SECTION 83002.5) TULARE LAKE BASIN AND SALINAS VALLEY NITRATE PILOT PROJECTS

WHEREAS:

1. SB X2 1 requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to implement Water Code section 83002.5 to:
   a) Develop pilot projects in the Tulare Lake Basin and the Salinas Valley focused on nitrate contamination “to improve understanding of the causes of groundwater contamination, identify potential remediation solutions and funding sources to recover costs expended by the state for the purposes of this section to clean up or treat groundwater, and ensure the provision of safe drinking water to all communities”; and
   b) Submit a report to the Legislature reporting on findings and recommendations within two years after the funding is received by the State Water Board.

2. Funding in the amount of $2 million from Proposition 84 is identified in Water Code section 83002(b)(2)(D) to implement Water Code section 83002.5, and expenditure authority for contracts in the amount of $1.7 million are included in the Governor’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into and amend as necessary:

1. An interagency agreement with the California Department of Public Health for reimbursement of up to $2 million; and
2. Any contracts for activities necessary to implement Water Code section 83002.5) up to $1.7 million.

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 June 16, 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