TO ALLOCATE $600,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO THE CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD) IN SUPPORT OF WORK ON SPECIFIC HYDROMODIFICATION METHODOLOGY TASKS THAT WILL BENEFIT THE REGIONAL AND STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (STATE WATER BOARD) AND MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS:

1. The Central Coast Water Board requests one-time funding of $600,000 for the development of hydromodification control criteria for addressing stormwater discharges from 30-60 municipalities in the Central Coast Region;

2. The overall effort to develop a hydromodification control criteria and to implement the resulting criteria throughout the Central Coast is a multi-year, multi-phase effort. This proposal requests $600,000 from the CAA to develop hydromodification control criteria methodology specifically for municipal stormwater discharges and apply it across the Central Coast Region. This effort will build off the best scientific and technical principles on the subject of hydromodification impacts and control measures. Specific tasks include:
   - Characterizing the problem of hydromodification to encompass the downstream impacts of urbanization
   - Laying out objectives of the project, focusing on data reduction techniques, assessment methods, providing implementation strategies, and maintaining coordination with the Hydromodification/LID Technical Advisory Committee
   - Identifying sources of data and catalog availability
   - Reviewing and acknowledging contributions of previous studies
   - Gathering existing watershed data
   - Collecting field data to fill gaps
   - Identifying and classifying representative subwatershed areas and receiving water bodies with similar characteristics; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves one-time funding of $600,000 from the CAA to the Central Coast Water Board in support of work on hydromodification control criteria for specific tasks that will benefit the Regional and State Water Board;
2. Requires that the Central Coast Water Board prepare and submit a report to the State Water Board no less than annually on its progress in finding a long-term, more stable funding source, as the CAA should not be viewed as a long-term funding source; and

3. Requires that the Central Coast and State Water Board staff leading this project provide an effective mechanism for the California Stormwater Quality Association, the California Building Industry Association and other key stakeholders to provide input on regulatory implications of the hydromodification control criteria methodology;

4. The funds will be available until June 30, 2012. Any unexpended funds as of June 20, 2012 shall revert to the 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 August 4, 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