

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0051**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AND AMEND
AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT PROVIDING FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA WATER
COMMISSION TO SUPPORT STATE WATER BOARD ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING AND
IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 1 WATER
STORAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM BOND FUNDS

WHEREAS:

1. AB 1471, the Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, established \$7.5 billion in water bond funds. The bond dedicated \$2.7 billion for the Water Storage Improvement Program (WSIP), a grant funding program for surface water and groundwater storage projects that provide public benefits, including water quality benefits. The California Water Commission (CWC) was designated as the agency responsible for allocating these funds.
2. Water Code Section 79754 requires the CWC, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), and the Department of Water Resources, to develop and adopt, by regulation, methods for quantification and management of public benefits of water supply projects for the purpose of implementing the WSIP. The regulations must include the priorities and relative environmental value of ecosystem benefits as provided by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the priorities and relative environmental value of water quality benefits as provided by the State Water Board.
3. The CWC, responsible for leading the WSIP, is providing funding to the State Water Board through an Interagency Agreement (IA) to assist with its implementation. The four-year IA will allow the State Water Board to provide scientific, technical, analytical and administrative support needed to develop and implement the WSIP and fulfill its mandated responsibilities.
4. State Water Board tasks for WSIP development and implementation include: developing and applying State Water Board priorities and relative environmental value of water quality benefits associated with water storage projects; assisting in the development of methods for describing and quantifying identified water quality benefits; developing criteria for evaluating water quality benefits of proposed water storage projects; collaborating with DFW to align water quality and ecosystem priorities; providing technical expertise, policy review, and recommendations for CWC regulations, project evaluation guidelines, and project solicitation proposal; and participating in the development of legally-binding agreements to monitor and manage public benefits of funded projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into and amend a four-year IA with the California Water Commission to receive funding for the SWB's participation in WSIP development and implementation. This is a one-time authorization for this purpose.

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 August 4, 2015.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Steven Moore
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board