ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY REGULATION AMENDING WATER RIGHTS FEE SCHEDULES IN TITLE 23, DIVISION 3, CHAPTER 5, SECTIONS 1062, 1064, AND 1066 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Water Code section 1058, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has the authority to adopt regulations to carry out its powers and duties under the Water Code.

2. The Water Code further delegates authority to the State Water Board to adopt emergency regulations establishing and revising fees to be deposited in the Water Rights Fund in the State Treasury. (Wat. Code, §§ 1525, 1530, 1551, 13160.1.) The emergency regulations may include provisions concerning the administration and collection of the fees.

3. The State Water Board must set a fee schedule that will generate revenues necessary to conform to the amounts appropriated by the Legislature for specified regulatory activities. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 1525, subd. (d)(3).)

4. The Budget Act of 2015 delegates to the Department of Finance the authority to make specified adjustments to the amounts appropriated by the Legislature. The State Water Board has considered the anticipated adjustments that the Department of Finance will make under its delegated authority in determining the amount of fee revenues, consistent with amounts appropriated by the Legislature, that are required to support the water right program.

5. State Water Board staff prepared recommended revisions to the State Water Board’s water right fee regulations in accordance with the Water Code and the fee revenue requirements as appropriated by the Legislature.

6. The water right fee regulations and schedules will be contained in title 23, division 3, chapter 5 (commencing with, section 1062) and chapter 28, article 1, section 3833.1 of the California Code of Regulations.

7. These emergency regulations will take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board adopts an emergency regulation revising title 23, division 3, chapter 5, sections 1062, 1064 and 1066 of the California Code of Regulations as recommended by staff.

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 September 16, 2015.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair Felicia Marcus

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board