

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0002**

APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE CLEANUP AND
ABATEMENT ACCOUNT TO TULARE COUNTY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WELL
AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN MONSON PROJECT

WHEREAS:

1. Assembly Bill (AB) 91 (Stats. 2015, Ch. 1) appropriated \$15 million from the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) to provide interim emergency drinking water to communities experiencing or threatened to experience drought-related drinking water emergencies;
2. Pursuant to this appropriation, on January 11, 2016, the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) approved a \$500,000 grant to the County for the Project;
3. A total of \$1.4 million has been committed to the Project through co-funding with Department of Water Resources, United States Department of Agriculture, and the State Water Board;
4. The Project will provide interim reliable drinking water to the residents of Monson whose household wells have gone dry;
5. The community of Monson's permanent solution will be to consolidate with neighboring Sultana Community Services District;
6. Construction bids in response to solicitations for this Project came in above the originally estimated costs and above the already committed state and federal grant funds (\$1.4 million);
7. As of June 30, 2016, the funds appropriated by AB 91 from the CAA for emergency drinking water became unavailable for further encumbrance but reverted to the CAA;
8. The Budget Act of 2016, Senate Bill (SB) 826 (Stats. 2016, Ch. 23), appropriated \$15 million from the CAA to continue addressing drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies;
9. On July 19, 2016 the State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2016-0039](#), which approved and delegated authority for administering the SB 826 drought-related drinking water emergency funding;
10. On August 16, 2016, in [Resolution No. 2016-0043](#), the State Water Board adopted new Emergency Drinking Water Funding Guidelines (Funding Guidelines) for administration of the funds it had approved in Resolution No. 2016-0039;
11. The Funding Guidelines include a general \$500,000 limit on emergency funding per project but provide that the State Water Board may make project-specific exceptions;

12. In [Resolution No. 2016-0010](#), the State Water Board adopted the human right to clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes (human right to water) as a core value and top priority, and directed its implementation in State Water Board programs; and
13. As directed by the State Water Board in Resolution No. 2016-0010, staff has determined that the Project supports the human right to water by providing a new groundwater source to the community of Monson.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of up to \$715,000 from the SB 826 drought-related drinking water emergency funding, for a total of \$1,215,000 from the CAA, to the County for the Project; and
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to execute and amend the funding agreement for the Project.

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 January 18, 2017.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Board Member Tam M. Doduc

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board