WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is responsible for the regulation of activities and factors that may affect the quality of the waters of the state (Wat. Code, §§ 13000, 13001). Under this authority, the State Water Board is undertaking multiple efforts to develop and implement environmental flows to protect public trust resources and other beneficial uses of water in priority streams located throughout California. These efforts include, but are not limited to: 1) the California Water Action Plan, which directs the State Water Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to implement a suite of individual and coordinated administrative efforts to enhance flows statewide in at least five stream systems that support critical habitat for anadromous fish; 2) the development of policies for water quality control for cannabis cultivation in accordance with Water Code section 13149; and 3) State Water Board Bay-Delta planning and implementation efforts related to updating and implementing the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan);

2. On April 12, 2017, the Executive Director, under delegated authority, entered into Agreement No. 16-062-300 (agreement) with the Regents of the University of California, Davis (UC Davis). Pursuant to the agreement, UC Davis provides the State Water Board with technical expertise on the above efforts to develop and implement environmental flows for priority streams in California;

3. Additional time up to five years (or until June 30, 2022) and additional funding up to $1,250,000 may be needed to accomplish additional tasks under the scope of the agreement. Authorizing the Executive Director to extend the contract’s term and add additional funding will allow this agreement to continue to support the State Water Board’s efforts to develop and implement environmental flows; and

4. State Water Board Resolution No. 2015-0022 delegated authority to the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute non-controversial contracts, interagency agreements and amendments involving no more than $750,000 or three years in duration. Since the proposed amendment to State Water Board Agreement No. 16-062-300 involves more than the amounts and durations listed in Resolution No. 2015-2022, amending the agreement requires State Water Board authorization.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to execute amendments to Agreement No. 16-062-300 with the Regents of the University of California, Davis that authorize additional expenditures of up to $1,250,000 and extend the term of the agreement up to June 30, 2022, and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such amendments, provided that the contract funds encumbered are expended in accordance with Government Code Section 16304.

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 May 16, 2017.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus  
      Board Member Tam M. Doduc  
      Board Member Dorene D’Adamo  
      Board Member Joaquin Esquivel

NAY: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Steven Moore

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board