

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0060**

AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ADMINISTER \$8 MILLION APPROPRIATED BY THE BUDGET ACT OF 2017 TO ADDRESS THE CLEAN DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION NEEDS OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS

WHEREAS:

1. Senate Bill (SB) 108 (Stats. 2017, ch. 54) amended Provision 4 of Item 3940-001-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2017 (Provision 4), which appropriated \$8 million from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to “ensure California’s economically disadvantaged citizens have adequate access to clean drinking water and adequate sanitation to protect public health”;
2. Eligible projects identified in Provision 4 include: replacing failed drinking water wells, including private wells; making emergency drinking water repairs, including replacement of failed components, to community water systems that lack the funds to make immediate repairs; and connecting homes to public wastewater treatment, including construction of wastewater mains, connection fees, onsite connection of homes, and abandonment of septic or other failed or inadequate domestic waste disposal infrastructure;
3. Existing non-profit organizations have established programs focused on providing assistance to disadvantaged households to address drinking water needs;
4. The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) has existing processes that can be followed in allocating grants for emergency drinking water repairs to community water systems that serve disadvantaged communities;
5. The need for additional funding for connection to public wastewater treatment is still under consideration, given existing resources already available through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program;
6. Grants awarded pursuant to the proposed resolution will be required to benefit disadvantaged households and communities;
7. 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

8. 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 funding to ensure California's economically disadvantaged citizens have adequate access to clean drinking water and adequate sanitation to protect public health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or his or her designee, to approve or deny funding of up to \$8 million, without limitation on funding amount per program or per project, for programs and projects consistent with Provision 4; to execute agreements and amendments thereto to disburse funds for such programs or projects; and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to facilitate the implementation of such agreements.

### CERTIFICATION

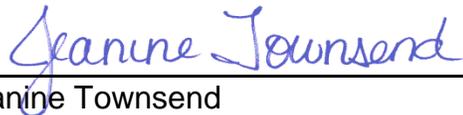
The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on October 17, 2017.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus  
Vice Chair Steven Moore  
Board Member Tam M. Doduc  
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo  
Board Member Joaquin Esquivel

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board