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). The State Water Board is in the process of developing and implementing amendments to the 2006 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Plan) to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta watershed. Phase I of these efforts involves amending San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta water quality requirements included in the Bay-Delta Plan. Phase II involves potential new or modified Delta outflow, Sacramento River and tributary and Delta eastside tributary inflow, cold water habitat, and interior Delta flow requirements in the Bay-Delta Plan. Upon adoption of potential changes to the Bay-Delta Plan from Phases I and II, the State Water Board will undertake additional activities to implement those changes.

2. To meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.), and other applicable requirements, the State Water Board is preparing environmental and other documentation to evaluate the potential environmental and other effects of potential changes to the Bay-Delta Plan and its implementation.

3. The 2015-16 Budget Act provided the State Water Board with $5 million in General Funds each year to complete this work.

4. The State Water Board is receiving assistance with the preparation of environmental and other documentation from ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. through State Water Board contracts numbers 10-056-300 and 3174165.

5. This resolution will provide additional funding authority and contract term authority to support necessary amendments to contracts 10-056-300 and 3174165 to complete environmental analyses and other documentation that is needed to update and implement the Bay-Delta Plan. Specifically, additional new authority of $5 million is estimated to be needed at this time, as well as an increase in the contract terms of 2 years for each contract.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to authorize additional expenditures of up to $5 million for environmental and other documentation to support the development and implementation of amendments to the 2006 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan for State Water Board contract numbers 10-056-300 and 3174165. The State Water Board also authorizes the terms of the contracts to be extended 2 additional years provided that the contract funds encumbered are expended in accordance with applicable law.

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 December 5, 2017.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board