STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0023

TO DELEGATE AUTHORITIES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF GENERAL FUND ALLOCATIONS INCLUDING \$10 MILLION FOR URGENT DRINKING NEEDS AND \$10 MILLION FOR ADMINISTRATORS

WHEREAS:

- 1. Assembly Bill (AB) 72 (Stats. 2019, ch. 1) amended Item 3940-101-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2018 to add Provisions 7 and 8 (hereafter referred to as "Provision 7" and "Provision 8", respectively);
- 2. Provision 7 appropriated \$10 million from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to "provide grants or contracts to address urgent drinking water needs in disadvantaged communities, local educational agencies in or serving disadvantaged communities, or nonprofits";
- 3. Provision 8 appropriated \$10 million from the General Fund to the State Water Board "for grants or contracts for administrators to provide administrative, technical, operational, or managerial services to a designated water system to support compliance with current drinking water standards";
- Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff anticipate that the majority of the funding for both of these General Fund allocations will be awarded through grants. However, there may be some cases in which contracts are utilized;
- Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funds are proposed to be utilized to supplement these General Fund allocations, consistent with CAA statutory requirements and as necessary to reimburse project or program costs incurred prior to February 13, 2019, the date on which AB 72 was approved;
- 6. Water Code sections 13440-13443 establish the CAA, and provide that funds in the CAA may be used to address an urgent drinking water need;
- 7. The State Water Board adopted the CAA Funding Program Guidelines in <u>Resolution No. 2018-0056</u>; and
- 8. As directed by the State Water Board in <u>Resolution No. 2016-0010</u>, the proposed actions will support the human right to water by providing financial and administrative assistance to improve access to, and the quality of, drinking water in disadvantaged communities.

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 \$20 million, without limitation on funding amount per project or program, for projects or programs consistent with Provisions 7 and 8; and to execute agreements and amendments thereto to disburse funds for such projects or programs; and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to facilitate the implementation of such agreements.
- Authorizes the Executive Direct, or his or her designee, or the Deputy Director of DFA, or his or her designee, to execute contracts and amendments, without limitation on funding amount per project or program, for projects or programs consistent with Provisions 7 and 8; and to perform all the acts and implement all measures necessary to fulfill the objectives of such contracts.
- Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or his or her designee, to approve funding from the CAA to supplement funds provided consistent with Provisions 7 and 8, to address urgent drinking water needs consistent with CAA statutory requirements and as necessary to fund the portion of project or program costs incurred prior to February 13, 2019.
- 4. Waives the application of the CAA Funding Program Guidelines for projects or programs co-funded with moneys appropriated under Provisions 7 and 8.

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 June 18, 2019.

- AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Laurel Firestone
- NAY: None
- ABSENT: Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo Board Member Sean Maguire
- ABSTAIN: None

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