

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0015**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
OR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT AND EXECUTE AND AMEND CONTRACTS FOR A SAN FRANCISCO
BAY WATER BOARD STAFF POSITION TO SUPPORT SANTA CLARA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC BENEFIT PROJECTS

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (San Francisco Bay Water Board), has the primary responsibility to protect the quality of the surface and groundwater within the San Francisco Bay Region for beneficial uses.
2. California Water Code section 13249, as amended by Assembly Bill 2501, authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), on behalf of itself or a regional water quality control board, to accept monies from public agencies for the purpose of planning, permitting, or providing technical support for projects of public benefit within the State Water Board's or a regional board's jurisdiction. "Projects of public benefit" include, but are not limited to, projects directly related to climate change adaptation, ecosystem protection and restoration, water recycling, stormwater capture, water conservation, emergency preparedness, flood management, ambient water quality monitoring, research, and environmental justice.
3. The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is a special district created under the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act (District Act) by the California Legislature (Chapter 1405 of the Statutes of 1951, as amended), and authorizes Valley Water to provide for the conservation and management of flood, storm, and recycled waters, and other waters, for beneficial uses and to enhance natural resources in connection with carrying out those purposes, with jurisdiction throughout Santa Clara County.
4. Valley Water's mission is to provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy. Valley Water, in the execution of its authority of flood protection and water supply in the County of Santa Clara, as prescribed in the District Act and carried out by its Board of Directors, applies for permits, certifications, and waivers for projects of public benefit from the San Francisco Bay Water Board. Valley Water also submits requests for other actions, needs, or services for projects of public benefit to the San Francisco Bay Water Board.

5. The expedited and timely processing of Valley Water applications for permits, certifications, or waivers for projects of public benefit and requests for other actions, needs, or services for projects of public benefit from the San Francisco Bay Water Board will support flood protection projects, creek and wetland protection and restoration projects, drinking water supply projects, projects to address impaired waters, illicit discharges, and impacts associated with unsheltered homelessness, and other projects of public benefit.
6. The San Francisco Bay Water Board needs additional professional staff to provide planning, permitting, and technical support to process Valley Water's applications and requests for projects of public benefit in a timely manner.
7. Since 2002, Valley Water has provided funding through a third-party contract to support a San Francisco Bay Water Board staff position responsible for processing Valley Water applications in a timely manner. Valley Water has committed to continue funding the position for at least five additional years to support projects of public benefit. With the adoption of AB 2501, the third-party contracting process is no longer necessary.
8. The State Water Board authorized the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, and Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute contracts for no more than \$1,500,000 or three years in duration per State Board [Resolution No. 2025-0003](#).
9. The San Francisco Bay Water Board seeks to streamline the contract process by increasing the authorized amount for the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute contracts and amendments for Valley Water staffing of up to \$2,500,000 and five years in duration.
10. The State Water Board provided notice of this Resolution and its intent to accept monies from Valley Water on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Water Board to support projects of public benefit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to

accept monies from the Santa Clara Valley Water District on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Water Board.

2. The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute and amend, for and on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Water Board, contracts with the Santa Clara Valley Water District for a dedicated San Francisco Bay Water Board staff position to provide planning, permitting, and/or technical support to Valley Water for projects of public benefit for up to \$2,500,000 and five years in duration.
3. The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to act, to the greatest extent provided by law, to perform all things necessary and convenient to accept monies from Valley Water and to implement contracts and amendments as authorized by this Resolution.
4. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until modified or revoked by State Water Board.

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 June 3, 2025.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board