

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0026**

ALLOCATE UP TO \$2,000,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT
FOR THE RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CORPORATION'S TIJUANA RIVER
TRASH BOOMS PROJECT

WHEREAS:

1. State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) executed a funding agreement with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for their Tijuana River Trash Boom Project (Project), Agreement No. D2218006 on December 28, 2023.
2. Project funding for operation and maintenance (O&M) was budgeted for approximately two years. The funding under the current agreement is almost exhausted. The additional year provides bridge funding while RCAC (or the County) seeks a long-term source of O&M funding.
3. During the wet season, RCAC mobilizes a floating trash boom across the Tijuana River Channel preventing trash, plastics, and associated pollutants from entering surface waters and sensitive habitats. The Project directly supports the State Water Boards' core mission to protect water quality and beneficial uses.
4. Absent interim funding, the trash booms would be forced to cease operation and maintenance during the upcoming rainy season. This would result in renewed discharges of trash, plastic, and debris into the Tijuana River.
5. On December 11, 2018, in [Resolution No. 2018-0056](#), the State Water Board adopted the [Cleanup and Abatement Account \(CAA\) Funding Program Guidelines](#) (Guidelines), and authorized the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to approve CAA funding up to \$500,000.
6. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed at the State Clearing House (SCH# 2024080244) on August 7, 2024, for the implementation of the Project.
7. Given the total request of \$2 million for the Project exceeds the \$500,000 threshold for DFA approvals delegated in Resolution No. 2018-0056, State Water Board approval of the additional \$1.5 million is required.
8. This is an urgent Project that requires immediate action to mitigate a significant threat to the environment or public health and safety.
9. The Project is eligible for CAA funding due to the Project's direct role in cleaning up waste, abating the effects of waste on waters of the State, and

addressing discharges where responsible parties are unable to adequately address the problem.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of up to \$2,000,000 CAA funds, for a total of \$6,700,000, to the Project; and
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or designee, to execute an amendment to add the approved \$2,000,000 allocation of CAA funds to Agreement No. D2218006.

CERTIFICATION

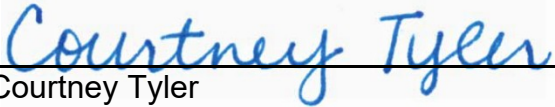
The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 21, 2026.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board