

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0039**

**ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSITION 4 STORMWATER GRANT PROGRAM
GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS:

1. The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Prop 4) made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, \$110,000,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for multiple benefit urban stormwater management project.
2. Prop 4 allows up to seven percent (7%) for administrative costs in addition to statewide bond costs, resulting in \$101,500,000 available for eligible projects.
3. Prop 4 requires that a minimum of forty percent (40%) of Prop 4 funds must be allocated to projects that directly benefit a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) or a vulnerable population, and at least ten percent (10%) of Prop 4 funds must be allocated to projects that directly benefit a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC). In addition, up to 10% of funds may be used for technical assistance.
4. On July 16, 2026, Assembly Bill 35 was signed into law exempting any guidelines and selection criteria from the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). The Prop 4 Stormwater Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) will serve as the sole legal framework governing project solicitation and evaluation for the Prop 4 Stormwater Grant Program.
5. The Guidelines depict the administration of Prop 4 funds for Stormwater projects, including eligible projects, application process, project selection, required reviews, and eligible costs for reimbursements.
6. The State Water Board held a public workshop on July 21, 2026, to go through the Draft Guidelines, application requirements, and scoring procedures for prospective applicants. The Draft Guidelines were also posted for public comment from July 10, 2026 to August 24, 2026.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts the Guidelines.

2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) or designee to properly perform the duties imposed upon the Board by these Guidelines, including but not limited to the power to enter into grant financing agreements on behalf of the State Water Board.
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA or designee to make non-substantive revisions to the Guidelines, if the State Water Board or its staff determine that non-substantive revisions are needed.

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 October 6, 2026.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Nichole Morgan
Board Member Jared Blumenfeld

NAY: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo

ABSTAIN: None



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board