STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0040

DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO EXECUTE CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS FOR WORK AT LAKE TAHOE

WHEREAS:

1. The Division of Administrative Services administers routine service contracts and interagency agreements with both public and private entities in support of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards). The contracts are for non-controversial activities, involve the transaction of routine State business, and do not involve significant policy decisions that would require the consideration of the State Water Board during publicly held Board meetings.

2. In Resolution No. 2025-0003, the State Water Board delegated authority for such non-controversial contract approvals to State Water Board Executive staff. This resolution limited such authority to execute contracts and amendments to contracts of no more than $1,500,000.00 in value and no more than three years in length.

3. Lake Tahoe is an Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW) which is subject to the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The TMDL is designed to address declining deep-water clarity due to anthropogenic loading from sediment and nutrients, with a final goal of attaining 29.7 meters (97.4 ft) of deep-water clarity by 2076. To track attainment of TMDL targets, as well as to track other water quality changes at a decadal scale, there is a continuing need for long-term monitoring programs designed to measure water quality parameters in the pelagic and nearshore zones of Lake Tahoe, and to monitor water quality in Lake Tahoe Basin tributaries.

4. The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Regional Water Board) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) administer the Lake Tahoe TMDL in their respective state, and work with the bi-state Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) to achieve and track progress toward TMDL goals. Together, TMDL management agencies partner to administer the various water quality monitoring programs for Lake Tahoe via interagency agreement and monitoring

contracts. Most research and monitoring agreements operate on five-year (or longer) cycles, which is reflective of processes associated with conducting research, monitoring, and subsequent reporting.

5. The State Water Board and Lahontan Regional Water Board are seeking to streamline contracts, interagency agreements, and related amendment processing for work at Lake Tahoe by increasing the delegated authority dollar amount for research and monitoring agreements to no greater than $2,000,000.00 per fiscal year and for a contract term length of five years with option to extend terms as necessary to complete contract work. Reorganizing Lake Tahoe contracts and agreements in this fashion will assist Executive Staff, technical staff, and the Division of Administrative Services to streamline contract processing and will improve alignment with interagency and TMDL partners.

6. The Division of Administrative Services ensures that the State Water Board conducts its contracting activities in compliance with State contracting laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administration Services, or their designees, to execute and amend, for and on behalf of the State Water Board and Lahontan Regional Water Board, contracts, including interagency agreements, of up to $2,000,000.00 per fiscal year for programs, projects, and water quality monitoring in Lake Tahoe, including but not limited to, TMDL program activities and projects, and nearshore water quality monitoring and research. Each contract shall be executed for up to five years with an option to extend terms to complete stipulated contract work provided that the contract funds are expended in accordance with applicable law.

2. 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 implement such contracts and amendments.

3. That this authorization shall remain in full force and effect until modified or revoked by the 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 October 20, 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