STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY NOVEMBER 15, 2006

ITEM 13

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO CONTINUE OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES AT THE LABORATORY FOR ENERGY-RELATED HEALTH RESEARCH/UCD FACILITY (LEHR)

DISCUSSION

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) provides oversight for DOE's environmental restoration and waste management activities at the LEHR facility. Central Valley Water Board oversight has been funded by a grant between the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and DOE since January 1, 1995. The grant expires on December 31, 2006.

The activities scheduled during the grant period include reviews of feasibility study, record of decision, and remedial action work plan. Once the remedial action work plan is approved, Central Valley Water Board staff oversight will be necessary for implementation and operation of the remedial actions.

A grant amendment between the State Water Board and DOE has been drafted which provides \$133,677 to fund oversight work by the Central Valley Water Board from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to accept approximately \$133,677 in federal grant funds to continue oversight activities at the LEHR facility?

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed grant would continue the LEHR oversight activities with federal grant funds. The State Water Board budget has adequate expenditure authority to expend these funds.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes, Central Valley Water Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to accept approximately \$133,677 in federal grant funds to continue oversight activities at the LEHR facility.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO.2006 -

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO CONTINUE OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES AT THE LABORATORY FOR ENERGY-RELATED HEALTH RESEARCH/UCD FACILITY

WHEREAS:

- 1. The United States Department of Energy (DOE) has established an Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Plan to bring its facilities into compliance with the letter and spirit of the state and federal environmental laws, regulations and requirements.
- 2. Communication and coordination with State agencies is critical to DOE's success in this endeavor.
- 3. DOE and the State Water Resources Control Board signed a grant agreement that authorizes funding State oversight at DOE's Laboratory for Energy-Related Health Research/UCD (LEHR) facility.
- 4. Since January 1, 1995, the Central Valley Water Board in compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant has provided water quality oversight of DOE environmental restoration and compliance activities.
- 5. DOE will provide financial resources of \$133,677 to the State Water Resources Control Board State Water Board (State Water Board) to fund oversight work by the Central Valley Water Board from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009.
- 6. A grant amendment between the State Water Board and DOE has been drafted which provides funds to the State Water Board and Central Valley Water Board and represents a commitment by the Central Valley Water Board to conduct oversight of DOE environmental restoration and compliance activities at the LEHR facility on a timely, constructive and fiscally sound basis.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board authorizes the Executive Director to execute a grant amendment in the amount of \$133,677 with the U.S. Department of Energy regarding Central Valley Water Board oversight of the LEHR facility.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board to the State Water Board, does hereby certify 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 November 15, 2006.

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Clerk to the Board	