SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED FUNDING FOR REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF CLEANUP AT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITIES

DISCUSSION

The State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (California Water Boards) and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) oversees cleanup at Department of Defense (DoD) facilities in California. The DTSC is the sole recipient of funding through a two-year DoD Cooperative Agreement to support cleanup oversight. The DTSC provides DoD funding to the California Water Boards through an Interagency Agreement (IA). The next two-year IA for Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10 is being negotiated to continue funding for California Water Board cleanup oversight at military facilities for an amount not to exceed $11 million. Oversight of Department of Navy sites is funded through a separate Cooperative Agreement with the Water Boards.

The California Water Boards oversees cleanup at approximately 90 DoD facilities identified in the DoD Cooperative Agreement. The California Water Boards are the lead agencies for oversight of petroleum cleanups at all DoD facilities and for non-petroleum cleanup at 39 facilities based on a 1997 agreement to reduce regulatory overlap.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize continued funding for oversight of cleanups at DoD facilities identified in the DoD Cooperative Agreement?

FISCAL IMPACT

The California Water Board staff work associated with or resulting from this action can be accomplished within budgeted resources.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes, all Regional Water Boards, with the exception of San Diego Water Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to execute a two-year IA with DTSC for oversight of the cleanup of military facilities during the Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10 for an amount not to exceed $11 million.
WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Board has been funded previously by the Department of Defense (DoD) through its Cooperative Agreements with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and has actively participated in the DoD Environmental Restoration Program.

2. The California Environmental Protection Agency designated DTSC to be the sole recipient of funding through DoD Cooperative Agreements.

3. The State Water Board and DTSC have negotiated lead/support cleanup oversight responsibilities at DoD facilities.

4. Approval of this Interagency Agreement (IA) will ensure that there will be funding for coordinated State agency oversight of the DoD facility cleanup activities, including those activities at closing facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to execute a two-year IA with DTSC for oversight of the cleanup of military facilities during the Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10 for an amount not to exceed $11 million.

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 April 15, 2008.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board