

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION — DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

**ITEM 3**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECTS, AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GRANTS FOR THE 2008 CALFED WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM (WQGP)

**DISCUSSION**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer approximately \$4.2 million in bond funds from the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13) and the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) for the CALFED WQGP.

The WQGP provides grant funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement projects in the Delta and its tributary watersheds that reduce concentrations and loads of drinking water constituents of concern. Projects were solicited using the procedures and criteria established by the State Water Board in the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines allow for withdrawal of the grant awards from non-responsive applicants.

The 2008 CALFED WQGP solicitation consisted of a two-step process. In the first step, applicants submitted Concept Proposals (CPs) using the State Water Board's on-line Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST). The five applicants with the highest ranked CPs were invited to submit a Full Proposal. Two full proposals were submitted by the due date.

Technical reviewers and a final selection panel consisting of staff from the State Water Board; the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board; the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and the California Departments of Food and Agriculture, Water Resources, and Conservation reviewed and ranked the two proposals in the order of funding preference shown on Exhibit 1.

**POLICY ISSUE**

Should the State Water Board:

1. Approve funding for the 2008 CALFED WQGP Projects on the Recommended Funding List shown on [Exhibit 1](#) until available funds are exhausted?
2. Authorize the issuance of grants and amendments to implement the Projects?
3. Authorize the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive?

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Local assistance appropriations are sufficient to fund the recommended Projects.

**REGIONAL WATER BOARD IMPACT**

Yes. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The State Water Board should:

1. Approve funding for the 2008 CALFED WQGP Projects on the Recommended Funding List until available funds are exhausted;
2. Authorize the issuance of grants and amendments to implement the Projects; and
3. Authorize the Deputy Director of the Division to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive.

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## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

### APPROVING PROJECTS, AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GRANTS FOR THE 2008 CALFED WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM (WQGP)

#### WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer approximately \$4.2 million in bond funds from the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13) and the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) for the CALFED WQGP;
2. The 2008 CALFED WQGP provides grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement projects in the Delta and its tributary watersheds that reduce concentrations and loads of drinking water constituents of concern;
3. The 2008 CALFED WQGP used the procedures and criteria established by the State Water Board in the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Guidelines (Guidelines) to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants; and
4. The Guidelines allow for withdrawal of the grant awards from non-responsive applicants.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

##### The State Water Board:

1. Approves funding for the 2008 CALFED WQGP Projects on the Recommended Funding List shown on [Exhibit 1](#) until available funds are exhausted;
2. Authorizes the issuance of grants and amendments to implement the Projects; and
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive.

#### 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 Board held on November 18, 2008.

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board