

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
OCTOBER 2, 2019**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO COMMIT UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$300,000 TO AGREEMENT NO. 16-062-300 BETWEEN THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS.

DISCUSSION

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is undertaking multiple efforts to develop and implement environmental flows to protect public trust resources and other beneficial uses of water in streams throughout California. These efforts include, but are not limited to: (1) [development of policies for water quality control for cannabis cultivation](#) in accordance with Water Code section 13149; (2) the California Water Action Plan, which directs the State Water Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement a suite of individual and coordinated administrative efforts to [enhance flows statewide in at least five stream systems](#)¹ that support critical habitat for anadromous fish; and (3) Bay-Delta planning and implementation efforts related to updating the *2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* ([Bay-Delta Plan](#)).

In April 2017, the State Water Board entered into an Agreement (Agreement #16-062-300) with the Regents of the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) to obtain technical expertise, including recommendations, expert technical opinions, expert technical review, and application of methodologies and models to support the development and implementation of environmental flows for streams in California. Additional funding is needed for work associated with the development of interim and long-term policies for water quality control for cannabis cultivation.

Per [Resolution No. 2017-0031](#) and [Resolution No. 2018-0010](#), the Executive Director is authorized to execute the Agreement and amendments for up to \$4 million and an Agreement term of up to June 30, 2022. State Water Board approval is needed for the Executive Director or designee to amend the Agreement to provide up to an additional \$300,000, for a total Agreement amount of up to \$4.3 million.

¹ The five stream systems identified for this effort are: Mark West Creek (tributary to the Russian River); Mill Creek (tributary to the Sacramento River); Shasta River; South Fork Eel River; and Ventura River.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director or designee to commit up to an additional \$300,000, for a total agreement amount of \$4.3 million, for Agreement No. 16-062-300?

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are available and have been identified for this amendment.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the State Water Board adopt the proposed resolution.