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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN \$800,000 GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION FOR A WATER SYSTEM NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS:

1. Item 3940-101-0001 of Section 2.00 of Assembly Bill (AB) 74 (Stats. 2019, ch. 23), Budget Act of 2019, included Provision 2.6 (hereafter referred to as "Provision 2.6");
2. Provision 2.6 allocated \$18.5 million from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for ten specific water projects, parts (a) through (j);
3. Senate Bill (SB) 109 amended Provision 2.6 to add part (k), which allocates \$800,000 for a water system needs assessment program (Needs Assessment) in the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD);
4. Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff anticipate that the additional allocation will be awarded through a grant to WRD;
5. The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) is administering funding from the Budget Act of 2018 to conduct a needs analysis, which will be completed in 2021, and Senate Bill 200 requires that the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund Expenditure Plan be based on that analysis and any updates to it;
6. Engagement at the local and regional level is critical to ensuring the Needs Assessment leads to the implementation of long-term sustainable solutions supported by the community; and
7. As directed by the State Water Board in [Resolution No. 2016-0010](#), the proposed action will support the human right to water by providing financial assistance to assess the needs of water systems serving disadvantaged communities.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or his or her designee, to execute an agreement with WRD for its water system needs assessment program, and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to facilitate the implementation of such agreement.
2. Directs the Deputy Director of DFA to ensure the agreement with WRD includes provisions: i) to engage local community leaders as part of an advisory group in the development of the needs assessment and to promote a dialogue on regional solutions to address water system needs; and ii) to coordinate and ensure consistency with DDW's needs analysis.

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 July 21, 2020.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board