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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

DELEGATING AUTHORITIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF \$200 MILLION ALLOCATED FROM THE BUDGET ACT OF 2021 FOR DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS, AND \$50 MILLION ALLOCATED FOR THE NORTH CITY PROJECT – PURE WATER SAN DIEGO PROGRAM.

WHEREAS:

- The Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 129) appropriated \$1.385 billion to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in Item 3940-106-0001 (the Infrastructure Appropriation), which must be encumbered by June 30, 2024 and is subject to budget control provisions;
- 2. The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) is working with the Division of Drinking Water (DDW), the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), drinking water and wastewater system representatives, environmental justice (EJ) groups, and other stakeholders to develop an implementation plan for the State Water Board's consideration by the end of the year for the remaining drinking water and wastewater funds appropriated under the Infrastructure Appropriation;
- 3. Consistent with <u>Resolution No. 2016-0010</u>, the proposed actions will support the human right to water by providing financial and administrative assistance to improve access to, and the quality of, drinking water in disadvantaged communities (DACs), as defined in section 79505.5 of the Water Code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

 Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or designee, to approve up to \$100 million of the Infrastructure Appropriation for planning, construction, or technical assistance grants for drinking water projects for small DACs, expanded small DACs, and small non-DACs, and execute agreements and amendments therefor, consistent with the eligibilities, conditions, and processes set forth in the state fiscal year 2021/22 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP), except that any programmatic or project-specific funding cap set forth in the DWSRF IUP are waived for the purposes of awarding the Infrastructure Appropriation funds, as are DWSRF cross-cutting compliance obligations or conditions that are inconsistent with the administration of the Infrastructure Appropriation;

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- 2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or designee, to approve up to \$100 million of the Infrastructure Appropriation for planning, construction, or technical assistance grants for wastewater projects, with priority given to septic-to-sewer conversions, and execute agreements and amendments therefor, consistent with the eligibilities, conditions, and processes set forth in the state fiscal year 2021/22 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP), except that any programmatic or project-specific funding cap set forth in the CWSRF IUP shall be waived for the purposes of awarding the Infrastructure Appropriation Funds, as are CWSRF cross-cutting compliance obligations or conditions that are inconsistent with the administration of the Infrastructure Appropriation; and
- 3. Directs the Deputy Director of the DFA, or designee, to transfer \$50 million to the City of San Diego, for the project referenced in Section 10609.21 of the Water Code, consistent with the Infrastructure Appropriation.

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 August 18, 2021.

Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board