

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
AUGUST 15, 2023**

ITEM 2

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE AND ENHANCE THE GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT (GAMA) PROGRAM.

DISCUSSION

This item is for the Board to consider a resolution to authorize the State Water Board to enter into multi-year contracts to continue and enhance the GAMA Program (2024-2025 through 2028-2029 fiscal years). This item is not controversial.

The GAMA Program is funded by waste discharge permit fees (WDPF) as authorized by the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2200. Expenditure authority for GAMA Program contracts included in the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget is expected to be \$4,300,000 upon passage of the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. The current approved resolution (2019-0013) runs through the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Annually thereafter, funding from WDPF is expected to be appropriated annually at approximately the same amount, not to exceed \$4,500,000.

POLICY ISSUE

No policy issues associated.

FISCAL IMPACT

The GAMA Program is funded by waste discharge permit fees as authorized by the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2200. Expenditure authority for GAMA Program contracts included in the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget (under current resolution 2019-0013) is expected to be \$4,300,000 upon passage of the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. Annually thereafter for fiscal years 2025-2028, funding from WDPF is expected to be appropriated at approximately the same amount, not to exceed \$4,500,000 per year.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the State Water Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into multi-year contracts and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$4,500,000 for each of the fiscal years from 2024-2025 through 2028-2029.