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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO
MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE AND ENHANCE THE
GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

1. The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (Water Code section 10780 et seq.) required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop statewide comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring. Since 2003, comprehensive groundwater monitoring has been implemented by the State Water Board's Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program.
2. Expenditure authority for GAMA Program contracts included in the annual budgets for fiscal years 2020-2024 are expected to total no more than \$4.5 million from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund.
3. These funds are proposed to be used to continue and enhance the GAMA Program for the next five years (fiscal years 2024-2029) by: (1) supporting comprehensive monitoring and assessment of groundwater quality, (2) coordinating with regional water boards to identify and perform essential groundwater quality projects, and (3) working with state and local agencies and stakeholders to help make groundwater information more publicly available.
4. The State Water Board implements GAMA Program projects through collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey, research institutions, and analytical laboratories in contract agreements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into multi-year contracts and any amendments thereto upon passage of the fiscal year budgets, not to exceed \$4,500,000 for each of the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 fiscal years, to continue

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and enhance the GAMA Program, and help to address drought-related groundwater issues.

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 15, 2023.

Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board