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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OIL AND GAS REGIONAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. Senate Bill 4 (Chapter 313, Statutes of 2013, including Water Code section 10783), signed by the Governor on September 20, 2013, requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to establish and implement a comprehensive regional groundwater monitoring and oversight program for well stimulation treatment activities in areas of oil and gas operations.
2. Water Code section 10783, subdivision (c), required the State Water Board to develop model criteria for groundwater monitoring in order to assess the potential effects of well stimulation treatment activities on the state's groundwater resources which includes a regional groundwater monitoring program (Regional Monitoring Program).
3. The State Water Board adopted the Model Criteria for Groundwater Monitoring in Areas of Oil and Gas Well Stimulation on July 7, 2015, and began implementation of the Regional Monitoring Program on January 1, 2016.
4. Expenditure authority of \$7,400,000 from the Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Administrative Fund for Oil and Gas Monitoring Program contracts has been appropriated in the Budget Act each fiscal year since 2016-2017 and is expected to continue at the same amount annually thereafter.
5. These funds will be used annually to continue to implement the Regional Monitoring Program for the next five years (through fiscal year 2028-2029) through collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey in contract agreements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

Re-authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into multi-year contracts and any amendments thereto upon passage of the fiscal year

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budgets, not to exceed \$7,400,000 for each fiscal year from 2024-2025 through 2028-2029, to continue implementation of the Regional Monitoring Program.

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