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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2023

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR DESIGNEE TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL EMERGING CONTAMINANTS IN SMALL OR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. With grant funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) grant program, states can fund eligible projects to address emerging contaminants, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), in drinking water in small or disadvantaged communities.
2. In February 2023, USEPA released its EC-SDC Grant Implementation Document, which describes how USEPA will administer the EC-SDC funds and provides procedures for program implementation for relevant state agencies to issue sub-awards to eligible recipients.
3. The EC-SDC grant program does not require a cost share or state match;
4. The EC-SDC grant funds will be administered in accordance with section 1459A of the SDWA and consistent with the USEPA EC-SDC Grant Implementation Document; and
5. The EC-SDC grant program's annual appropriation from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is \$1 billion for each fiscal year from 2022-2026. Of this amount, USEPA has allocated \$169,115,000 to the State of California for the fiscal years 2022 and 2023 combined.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to apply for, accept, and/or amend as necessary the federal EC-SDC program grant each year through 2026.
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA or designee to negotiate, execute, and/or amend EC-SDC grant funding agreements with eligible entities for eligible projects as defined in the federal SDWA.

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3. Directs the Deputy Director of DFA or designee to use available EC-SDC funding to fund eligible emerging contaminant projects identified in the State Water Board's application to USEPA for EC-SDC Funding or to fund eligible emerging contaminants projects identified in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan.

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 June 20, 2023.

Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board