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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

TO ADOPT THE GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPEDITED DRINKING WATER GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff has developed Guidelines for the Expedited Drinking Water Grant (EDWG) funding program (Guidelines) to provide an expedited process by which qualifying high priority drinking water projects can receive State grant funding;
2. The EDWG funding program would be available to a subset of the projects that are currently funded consistent with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) processes, and will utilize a variety of state funding sources for drinking water infrastructure projects, including but not limited to: Proposition 1, Proposition 68, the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, and the Budget Act of 2021;
3. Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 require the development and adoption of project solicitation and evaluation guidelines prior to disbursing grants for any competitive grant program (Pub. Resources Code, § 80010, subd. (a));
4. On January 6, 2023, the draft Guidelines were posted on the State Water Board's website for public review and comment, and the public comment period closed on February 10, 2023;
5. DFA staff held three public workshops in February 2023 at locations in southern California, in northern California, and in the central valley of California;
6. DFA staff has considered all comments and made appropriate revisions in preparing the Guidelines for State Water Board consideration; and
7. The Guidelines support the Human Right to Water, and are consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 2016-0010, by providing funding for critical drinking water infrastructure projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts the Guidelines and authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to make non-substantive changes to the Guidelines.

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2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA or designee to award grants and execute grant agreements and amendments for routine, non-controversial projects consistent with the Guidelines.
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to withdraw a preliminary funding award if the applicant is non-responsive or DFA has exhausted reasonable efforts to resolve issues that prevent the execution of a grant agreement.
4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to terminate a grant agreement where there is a violation of a material provision of the agreement by the recipient.

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 March 8, 2023.

Courtney Tyler
Acting Clerk to the Board