

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2015-0036
A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT FROM
THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT TO FUND
THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY RECOVERY TEAM**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter, San Diego Water Board), finds that:

1. In 2008, the San Diego Water Board held a workshop for persons and agencies interested in activities to restore the wetlands and to abate pollution in the Tijuana River watershed. The objective of the workshop was to offer a public forum to exchange information on the activities of various federal, state and local government agencies, and nongovernmental organizations.
2. Subsequently, the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team (Recovery Team or TRVRT) was formed. The mission of the Recovery Team includes the reduction of trash and sediment in the Tijuana River Valley and the restoration of hydraulic/hydrologic functions of the valley.
3. The Recovery Team developed a Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Recovery Strategy (Recovery Strategy), which identifies problems and challenges, and outlines collaborative processes and management priorities by which Recovery Team members might develop and implement projects to cost-effectively address sediment and trash problems in the Valley.
4. In 2012, after incorporating public comments from stakeholders and the general public, the Recovery Strategy was endorsed by the San Diego Water Board by adopting Resolution R9-2012-0030.
5. In 2015, the Recovery Team finalized a Five-Year Action Plan. The objective of the Five-Year Action Plan is to maintain collaborative momentum and implement specific priority projects that advance Recovery Team goals as described in the Recovery Strategy.
6. The Five-Year Action Plan is under consideration of San Diego Water Board endorsement by adoption of Resolution No. R9-2015-0035.
7. The Five-Year Action Plan includes five high priority projects. The San Diego Water Board is requesting \$1.55 million from the State Water Resources Control Board to provide Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funds for the first phase of these projects, anticipated to cover up to two years worth of work.

8. The estimated cost to complete each component of the CAA Project “Phase 1 of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Five-Year Action Plan Implementation” is as follows:

Component A: Reclamation of the Nelson Sloan Quarry	\$500,000
Component B: Brown Property Restoration	\$300,000
Component C: Sediment Management Plan for the Valley	\$300,000
Component D: Recovery Team Mission Support	\$300,000
Component E: Targeted Trash Removal Projects	\$150,000

9. On February 11, 2015, the San Diego Water Board adopted Resolution No. R9-2015-0020, which supports prioritizing funding projects that address Environmental Justice, Disadvantaged Communities, and the recovery of stream, wetland, and riparian systems with the use of Supplemental Environmental Projects and CAA funding requests. In Resolution No. R9-2015-0020, the San Diego Water Board also recommends allocating 10 percent of annual CAA funds to projects that address Environmental Justice issues and/or recovery of stream, wetland, and riparian systems. The CAA Project “Phase 1 of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Five-Year Action Plan Implementation” supports the priorities expressed in Resolution No. R9-2015-0020 as it benefits Disadvantaged Communities along the U.S.-Mexico border while promoting water quality and habitat restoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the San Diego Water Board endorses the CAA Project “Phase 1 of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Five-Year Action Plan Implementation” and requests funds in the amount of \$1.55 million.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on March 16, 2015.

DAVID W. GIBSON
Executive Officer