RESOLUTION NO. R2-2003-0020

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF REMEDIAL RESPONSE ACTIVITIES AT DOE FACILITIES LOCATED AT LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY, LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY, SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORY, AND THE Stanford LINEAR ACCELERATOR CENTER

WHEREAS:

1. Threats to water quality exist at the four United States Department of Energy (DOE) sites within the San Francisco Bay Region. These sites include Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), located in Berkeley, Alameda County; the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) main facility, located in Livermore, Alameda County; Sandia National Laboratory (Sandia), located in Livermore, Alameda County; and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC), located in Menlo Park, San Mateo County.

2. The United States Department of Energy has established an Environmental Restoration Program and Water Management Plan to bring their facilities into compliance with the letter and intent of State and Federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

3. A grant program has been developed which funds Regional Board staff oversight of environmental restoration and compliance activities at the subject facilities.

4. On October 19, 1994, this Board adopted Resolution 94-150, which supported a proposed SWRCB resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a 5-year grant agreement with DOE. On November 17, 1994, the SWRCB approved a resolution supporting the grant agreement.

5. In 1999, the Federal government modified the grant term from five years to three years. The SWRCB unilaterally prepared Resolution 99-080, which approved amendment of the grant agreement from October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2002.

6. Although formal State Board action amending the aforementioned grant beyond its original expiration date has not occurred, the current grant was administratively extended to March 31, 2003.

7. On January 22, 2003, the SWRCB passed Resolution 2003-0008, which provides the Executive Director authority to enter into and approve federal agreements.
8. It is under this authority that we are now asking the Regional Board to adopt a resolution seeking the SWRCB’s approval for the Executive Director to amend the current federal grant for the subject facilities for the period ending September 30, 2005.

9. Board staff in conjunction with SWRCB staff has completed a grant application including the estimates of required funding. The grant application requests $310,614 for three years of activities at these four facilities.

10. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the proposed grant.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Regional Board supports the State Water Resources Control Board authorization of the Executive Director to execute an amended grant with the United States Department of Energy for $310,614 for the period ending September 30, 2005.

I, Loretta K. Barsamian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on February 19, 2003.

LORETTA K. BARSAMIAN
Executive Officer