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SUBJECT: REQUESTING STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SWRCB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN TWO NEW GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CHRONOLOGY: Water Board Resolution adopted February 19, 2002
Water Board Resolution adopted October 19, 1994

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this resolution is to confirm this Water Board’s support for the State Water Board to authorize its Executive Director to enter into two new 3-year grants with the United States Department of Energy (DOE) in an amount not to exceed $449,455.

There is a need for continued Water Board oversight of cleanup activities at the four DOE facilities within the San Francisco Bay Region. Two grants are required because the DOE has recently reorganized its operations into two departments, the Office of Science (overseeing the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center), and the National Nuclear Security Administration (overseeing the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Sandia National Laboratory) with two different funding sources.

Water Board oversight activities have been funded via a DOE grant, first initiated in 1994 as a 5-year grant. On March 19, 2003, the State Water Board authorized its Executive Director to execute an amended grant to end on September 30, 2005. That grant, however, has been administratively extended from its September 30, 2005 expiration date to December 31, 2005. This resolution requests the State Water Board to authorize its Executive Director or her designee to execute two grants totaling an amount of $449,455, which cover a time period ending on December 31, 2008.

In 2003, the State Water Board passed a resolution that provides its Executive Director authority to enter into and approve federal agreements. It is under this authority that we now ask this Water Board to adopt a resolution seeking the State Water Board’s approval for its Executive Director to enter into the two grant agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of the Tentative Resolution

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Appendices:  A - Tentative Resolution