

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-0052**

GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S
(STATE WATER BOARD) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY TO THE
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (U.S. EPA)
TO IMPLEMENT AN EXTENDED TERM FINANCING PROGRAM AS PART OF THE
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The SRF Program, is a joint federal/state funded program, currently providing low-interest financing with terms of up to 20 years for projects intended to improve the quality of the state's waters;
2. The State Water Board adopted the *Policy for Implementing the State Revolving Fund for Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities* (Policy) on August 18, 1988, and last amended it on July 17, 2007;
3. Small, disadvantaged communities often have difficulty affording water and wastewater system improvements;
4. The Clean Water Act and the California Water Code allow the SRF Program to offer Extended Term Financing (ETF) if approved by U.S. EPA;
5. The State Water Board recognizes the lack of funding currently available to small, disadvantaged communities for wastewater projects, due to the full commitment of all available Small Community Wastewater Grant Program funds;
6. ETF may increase and accelerate the financing and completion of projects by small, disadvantaged communities by making the projects more affordable; completion of additional projects that otherwise would not be affordable should have a direct benefit to water quality;
7. The eight approval criteria outlined by U.S. EPA for an ETF will be addressed, as outlined in [Attachment A](#) in the application to U.S. EPA; and
8. The State Water Board's staff has determined that approximately 20 percent of the annual funding can be provided through ETF without decreasing the revolving level of the fund by more than 10 percent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Board grants authority to the Executive Director, or designee, to apply to U.S. EPA to implement ETF as part of the SRF Program;

2. The State Water Board approves the amendments to the SRF Policy, identified in [Attachment B](#), contingent upon approval of ETF by U.S. EPA; and
3. Up to an average of 20 percent of the funds available annually may be used for ETF. Division of Financial Assistance staff shall annually evaluate the effect of ETF on the revolving level of the fund in the SRF Annual Report.

CERTIFICATION

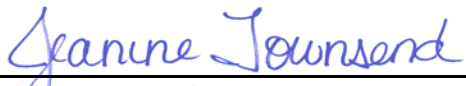
The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on July 15, 2008.

AYE: Chair Tam M. Doduc
 Vice Chair Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D
 Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
 Charles R. Hoppin
 Frances Spivy-Weber

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board