

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 030

THE SANTA ANA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (SARWQCB) IS REQUESTING FUNDING FOR ERADICATION OF AN INFESTATION OF THE INVASIVE MARINE ALGA, CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA, IN HUNTINGTON HARBOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000 FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA)

WHEREAS:

1. *Caulerpa taxifolia*, a highly invasive green alga, was discovered in Huntington Harbor.
2. *Caulerpa taxifolia* forms a smothering blanket over any kind of marine substrate crowding out native species, and if unabated poses a potential public health threat.
3. The permanent establishment of *Caulerpa taxifolia* in California will likely result in devastating ecological and economic consequences for the State.
4. A coalition of federal, state, and county agencies, along with a power plant has formed a partnership to develop and implement a prompt, effective eradication of the infestation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board

1. Commits \$600,000 to the SARWQCB to eradicate *Caulerpa taxifolia* from Seagate-Westchester east and west lagoons and Huntington Harbor in Orange County.
2. Establishes an end date for this project of September 30, 2001.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant 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 7, 2001.

/s/
Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board