

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 102

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$600,000 OF FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319(h) GRANT FUNDS AND TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AMEND A CONTRACT(S) TO DEVELOP METHODS TO ERADICATE THE INVASIVE NON-NATIVE MARINE ALGA, *CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA*

WHEREAS:

1. Two infestations of the highly invasive non-native marine alga (seaweed), *Caulerpa taxifolia*, were identified in Southern California in the summer of 2000--one in a coastal lagoon in northern San Diego County and one in Huntington Harbor in adjacent Orange County.
2. *Caulerpa taxifolia* threatens the beneficial uses of California's waters and could become a major form of pollution of California's coastal marine waters originating from nonpoint sources (NPS).
3. There is a high probability that infestations of the seaweed will be found in higher energy and/or deeper waters of the open coast.
4. There is an urgent need to develop methods to eradicate the seaweed infestations in open coastal waters.
5. The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board has submitted a request for funds to contract for development of methods to eradicate the seaweed in open coastal waters.
6. The federal Clean Water Act (CWA) section 319(h) provides grant funds for states to implement NPS management programs.
7. Development of methods to eradicate the seaweed in open coastal waters is an appropriate use of CWA section 319(h) funds, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency supports the use of these funds for that purpose.
8. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is the designated State agency in California to administer the NPS Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB authorizes the Executive Director or designee to allocate up to \$600,000 of federal CWA section 319(h) grant funds and to negotiate, execute, and amend a contract(s) to develop methods to eradicate the invasive non-native marine alga, *Caulerpa taxifolia*.

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 Resources Control Board held on September 20, 2001.

/s/
Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board