

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 0038

ADOPTION OF THE SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER GRANT (SCWG)
PROGRAM GUIDELINES

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is authorized to administer approximately \$30 million in grants funds from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) and the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) for the Small Communities Wastewater Grant (SCWG) program;
2. Funding for the SCWG program is designated for small communities with a population of 20,000 persons or less and with a financial hardship as determined by the SWRCB;
3. The SWRCB has sought and received input from various stakeholder groups and the public regarding implementation of the SCWG program;
4. The Division of Financial Assistance (Division) has performed an economic feasibility analysis in order to maximize the number of projects that may utilize the available grant funding;
5. Grants from the SCWG program are intended to assist in making projects affordable for small communities by funding a portion of their projects; and
6. The draft SCWG Program Guidelines have been distributed for public comment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Determines financial hardship for a small community as having a Median Household Income (MHI) of less than 80 percent of the Statewide Annual MHI;
2. Sets the cap for the maximum amount of SCWG funding at \$2 million per project and per agency;
3. Sets-aside \$10 million for projects where the community has a MHI of 60 percent or less than the Statewide Annual MHI;
4. Directs the Division to issue combined design and construction grants to eligible communities with the condition that the grant commitment expires 18 months after the design grant award if a “notice-to-proceed” with construction has not been issued;
5. Directs the Division to change all references to “Priority List” within the SCWG Guidelines to “Competitive Project List”; and

6. Adopts the SCWG Program Guidelines with the modifications cited above.

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 June 17, 2004.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board