

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-0070**

APPROVING PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING GRANTS UNDER THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING SECTION 604(B) GRANT

WHEREAS:

1. Section 205(j) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) authorizes states to reserve up to one percent of their annual Title II Clean Water Construction Grant allocation for water quality management planning activities. Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1989, CWA section 604(b) supplemented CWA section 205(j)(2) to maintain such funding.
2. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) awarded the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) a grant of \$2,830,700 for funding the water quality management planning program from CWA section 604(b), of which 40 percent is typically passed through to local agencies for projects.
3. State Water Board staff worked with U.S. EPA and other stakeholders to identify the projects eligible for funding under the pass through requirements.
4. Many water quality planning activities administered by the State Water Board have been severely under-supported. These include refinement of designated beneficial uses of the State's waters, establishment of sound water quality objectives to protect those uses, and other important activities related to the Division of Water Quality's workload associated with developing and processing Total Maximum Daily Loads.
5. Staff resources from the 205(j) grant will contribute significantly to meeting these needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the projects for funding under the pass through requirement of the Water Quality Management Planning section 604(b) ARRA grant.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to negotiate work plans and issue grants to fund the projects.

CERTIFICATION

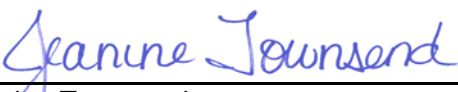
The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 15, 2009.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None

ABSENT: Board Member Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board