

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0035**

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES
TO ADMINISTER FUNDING TO PROVIDE INTERIM EMERGENCY DRINKING WATER
TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITH CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER
SUPPLIES AND FUNDING TO ADDRESS DROUGHT-RELATED DRINKING WATER
EMERGENCIES OR THREATENED EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS:

1. Due to severe and persistent drought conditions in the State of California (State), the Governor issued a [“Proclamation of a State of Emergency”](#) on January 17, 2014, and a [“Proclamation of Continued State of Emergency”](#) on April 25, 2014;
2. In [Executive Order B-26-14](#), the Governor directed the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), among other agencies, to assist local agencies in identifying and addressing acute drinking water shortages in domestic water supplies;
3. Current drought conditions have exacerbated the impacts of drinking water source contamination and have reduced California communities’ access to safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water;
4. Communities that are in greatest need of State funds on an emergency basis are those with limited or no access to alternative sources of safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water and no or limited funds to implement solutions that would provide access to safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water;
5. Assembly Bill 91 (Stats. 2015, ch. 1) added Item 3940-101-0679 to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2014 to appropriate \$15 million from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) to the State Water Board to “address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies, without regard to whether the need for emergency drinking water is as a result of the discharge of waste”;
6. Assembly Bill 91 also added Item 3940-102-0679 to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2014 to appropriate \$4 million from the CAA to the State Water Board to “provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies, without regard to the source of contamination, including those contaminated drinking water supplies exacerbated by drought conditions”;
7. Section 13442 of the Water Code identifies entities eligible to apply for this funding, including public agencies, tribal governments that are disadvantaged communities, not-for-profit organizations that serve disadvantaged communities, and community water systems that serve disadvantaged communities;
8. It is the intent of the State Water Board to continue to provide interim emergency drinking water to affected disadvantaged communities and to address drought-related drinking water emergencies and threatened emergencies in an expedient manner;

9. As required by State Water Board [Resolution 2015-0013](#), staff will condition funding upon compliance with emergency water conservation regulations, to the extent feasible; and
10. It is the intent of the State Water Board to provide the funding referenced in Whereas Nos. 5 and 6 only to those qualifying projects that have no other funding options to address the emergency (e.g., available reserves, other State grants or loans).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director, Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division), or designee to approve or deny drought-related emergency drinking water funding requests for \$500,000 or less, consistent with Item 3940-101-0679 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2014;
2. Authorizes the Executive Director, Deputy Director of the Division, or designee to approve or deny interim emergency drinking water funding requests for \$500,000 or less, consistent with Item 3940-102-0679 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2014;
3. Authorizes the Executive Director, Deputy Director of the Division, or designee to execute agreements and amendments to disburse funds approved pursuant to Resolved Nos. 1 or 2, and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such agreements;
4. Approves the Funding Guidelines in [Attachment A](#) and authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to make non-substantive changes to the Funding Guidelines; and
5. Directs the Executive Director, Deputy Director of the Division, or designee to periodically report back to the State Water Board regarding activities undertaken pursuant to this resolution, including, but not limited to, identification of projects funded and any non-substantive changes made to the Funding Guidelines.

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 May 19, 2015.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
 Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
 Board Member Tam M. Doduc
 Board Member Steven Moore
 Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



 Jeanine Townsend
 Clerk to the Board