

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0018**

APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$2,000,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO TULARE COUNTY (COUNTY) FOR CONTINUING BOTTLED WATER DELIVERIES TO QUALIFIED, DISADVANTAGED HOUSEHOLDS ENROLLED IN THE COUNTYWIDE BOTTLED WATER PROGRAM (CBWP)

WHEREAS:

1. Due to the historic California Drought, the County continues to experience widespread water outages and contamination of drinking water supplies;
2. Pursuant to the \$4 million in CAA emergency funding appropriated by Senate Bill (SB) 103 (Stats. 2014, Ch. 2), on July 3, 2014, the County received a \$500,000 grant to establish the CBWP to provide bottled water to disadvantaged households that have contamination in their private water supply wells;
3. In 2015, Assembly Bill (AB) 91 (Stats. 2015, Ch. 1) amended the Budget Act of 2014 to appropriate \$15 million from the CAA to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies, without regard to whether the need for emergency drinking water is a result of the discharge of waste;
4. Subsequently, the County received additional emergency drinking water funding from the CAA to continue the CBWP;
5. To date, the State Water Board has provided \$3,430,000 to the County to implement the CBWP;
6. As of February 14, 2017, the CBWP has enrolled approximately 1,853 households (8,438 residents);
7. The total cost of bottled water deliveries under the CBWP is about \$150,000 per month;
8. The County has stated that, of the previously approved funding, there is approximately \$232,000 remaining;
9. On February 28, 2017, the County approved significant changes to the CBWP in effort to reduce costs and increase accountability for enrollees;
10. The Budget Act of 2016, SB 826 (Stats. 2016, Ch. 23), appropriated \$15 million from the CAA for addressing drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies;
11. On July 19, 2016, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2016-0039](#), which approved and delegated authority for administering the SB 826 drought-related drinking water emergency funding;
12. On August 16, 2016, in [Resolution No. 2016-0043](#), the State Water Board adopted new Emergency Drinking Water Funding Guidelines (Funding Guidelines) for administration of the funds it had approved in Resolution No. 2016-0039;

13. The Funding Guidelines include a general \$500,000 limit on emergency funding per project but provide that the State Water Board may make project-specific exceptions;
14. The County is requesting up to an additional \$2,000,000 in CAA SB 826 funds to continue the program through March of 2019, with the changes to the CBWP approved by the County on February 28, 2017;
15. Funding previously provided by the State Water Board to the County for the CBWP exceeds the \$500,000 limit on emergency funding per project, and additional funding requested by the County would further exceed the limit;
16. In [Resolution No. 2016-0010](#), the State Water Board adopted the human right to clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes (human right to water) as a core value and top priority, and directed its implementation in State Water Board programs; and
17. As directed by the State Water Board in Resolution No. 2016-0010, staff has determined that providing additional funding to the County for continuing the CBWP supports the human right to water by providing access to safe drinking water for disadvantaged households in the County that have a drought-related drinking water emergency, including drinking water supply contamination that is exacerbated by the drought.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of up to an additional \$2,000,000 from the SB 826 appropriation to the County for the CBWP; and
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to execute and amend funding agreements with the County for the CBWP.

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 April 4, 2017.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



 Jeanine Townsend
 Clerk to the Board