

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0055**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AND AMEND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS PROVIDING FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION TO SUPPORT STATE WATER BOARD ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 1 WATER STORAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM BOND FUNDS

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), Chapter 8 (Water Code Sections 79750-79759) continuously appropriates \$2.7 billion for the Water Storage Improvement Program (WSIP), a grant funding program for surface water and groundwater storage projects that provide public benefits, including water quality benefits.
2. The California Water Commission (CWC) is designated as the agency responsible for allocating these funds.
3. Water Code Section 79754 requires the CWC, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), and the Department of Water Resources (collectively known as the Administering Agencies), to develop and adopt, by regulation, methods for quantification and management of public benefits of water supply projects for the purpose of implementing the WSIP. The regulations include the priorities and relative environmental value of water quality benefits as provided by the State Water Board. The regulations contain specific roles for Administering Agencies, including the State Water Board, regarding technical review of applications and issuance of findings.
4. Water Code section 79755, subdivision (a)(3) requires the Administering Agencies to make findings regarding public benefits and enter into contracts with applicants for administration of public benefits associates with water storage projects. The State Water Board is required to enter into contracts with applicants for claimed water quality benefits associated with the projects.
5. In [Resolution No. 2015-0051](#), the State Water Board authorized the Executive Director or designee to enter into and amend a four-year Interagency Agreement with the CWC to receive funding for the State Water Board's participation in WSIP development and implementation.
6. On November 5, 2015, and as modified on August 28, 2017, the State Water Board entered into an Interagency Agreement with the CWC to provide funding assistance for these activities. The amount of the Interagency Agreement is currently \$2,717,065.06, available through June 30, 2019.

7. On October 16, 2017, in recognition of the prolonged period of time between project funding to realization of public benefits and duration of administration of public benefits the CWC and Administering Agencies entered into a [Memorandum of Agreement](#) to ensure the success of WSIP consistent with statutory and regulatory requirements and subject to the availability of sufficient funding and as staff resources allow.
8. On June 28, 2018, the CWC made conditional funding award decisions to eight applicants, including three projects with claimed water quality benefits.
9. Additional authority to amend existing or enter into new Interagency Agreements may be necessary to ensure administration and realization of public benefits, with a near-term extension of the contract time period to accomplish the activities under scope of the existing Interagency Agreement in a timely manner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to amend existing or enter into new interagency agreements with CWC to receive funding for the State Water Board's participation in WSIP implementation.
2. The State Water Board also authorizes the terms of future Interagency Agreements with CWC associated with WSIP implementation to be up to seven (7) years, provided that WSIP funds are available.
3. This resolution supersedes Resolution No. 2015-0051.
4. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until modified or revoked by the State Water Board.

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 December 11, 2018

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member E. Joaquin Esquivel
Board Member Sean Maguire

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board