

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0027**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND/OR
AMEND A FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319(h) GRANT,
ACCEPT TIMBER REGULATION AND FOREST RESTORATION FUNDS, AND TO
EXECUTE AND AMEND CONTRACTS AND GRANTS TO SUPPORT THE
NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) provides grants to states under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 319(h) (CWA 319[h]) to implement Nonpoint Source (NPS) Programs.
2. In August 2015, State Water Board and California Coastal Commission staff, approved the 2014 – 2020 Plan for California’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (NPS Program Plan), which includes activities the state will undertake to control NPS pollution.
3. On August 12, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) approved California’s NPS Program Plan.
4. The State Water Board is the designated State Agency in California to administer the 2014 – 2020 NPS Program Plan.
5. U.S. EPA notified the State Water Board that a federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019 CWA 319(h) grant of up to \$8,500,000 will be available to the State Water Board to implement the 2014-2020 NPS Program Plan, with approximately half, or \$4,250,000 available for local project funding.
6. Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code authorizes the use of monies deposited in the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF), upon appropriation by the California Legislature, to fund timber restoration grant programs.
7. State Water Board anticipates the California Legislature will appropriate \$1,000,000 of TRFRF monies for fiscal year (FY) 2019/2020 to support projects that implement forest management measures on forest lands to improve water quality.
8. Together, the FFY 2019 CWA 319(h) grant and FY 2019/2020 TRFRF monies compose the 2019 NPS Program grant funds.
9. On September 26, 2018, the State Water Board released a solicitation notice for projects to be funded with 2019 NPS Program grant funds.

10. State Water Board staff prepared a draft list of projects to be funded with 2019 NPS Program grant funds (2019 NPS Fundable Project List). Any additional projects to be funded with 2019 NPS Program grant funds will be added to the 2019 NPS Fundable Project List and posted to the State Water Board NPS Website prior to Executive Director approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to apply for, accept, and amend, as necessary, the FFY 2019 CWA 319(h) grant in an amount of up to \$8,500,000 for support of the 2014-2020 NPS Program Plan.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and approve program workplans.
3. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to accept the 2019/2020 TRFRF appropriation, in an amount of up to \$2,000,000 for support of the NPS Program.
4. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to issue contracts, grants, and amendments to implement the project proposals listed on the 2019 NPS Fundable Project List.
5. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to modify the 2019 NPS Fundable Project List during the liquidation period of the FFY 2019 CWA 319(h) grant and the FY2019/2020 TRFRF monies, including adding projects consistent with the NPS Program.

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 18, 2019.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Laurel Firestone

NAY: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board