

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0027**

**ADOPT THE PROPOSITION 68 GROUNDWATER – DRINKING WATER TREATMENT  
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Chapter 11.1 of the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (commonly referred to as Proposition 68 and codified as Public Resources Code, section 80141) gave the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) the authority to administer \$80 million for treatment and remediation activities that prevent or reduce the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water;
2. The State Water Board adopted the Proposition 68 Groundwater Treatment and Remediation Grant Program Guidelines (Prop 68 GW Guidelines) on August 20, 2019;
3. After funding two rounds of projects solicited under the Prop 68 GW Guidelines, approximately \$29,500,000 remains uncommitted, of which approximately \$8,500,000 must be reserved for severely disadvantaged communities per Prop 68;
4. Resolution No. 2020-0028 authorized the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to award these remaining funds through the end of 2022 to assist disadvantaged community drinking water systems that treat groundwater for direct potable use without necessarily remediating the aquifer using specified processes other than the Prop 68 GW Guidelines;
5. On April 22, 2022, the draft Proposition 68 Groundwater – Drinking Water Treatment Operations and Maintenance Funding Program Guidelines (Guidelines) were posted on the State Water Board’s website for public review and comment, and the public comment period closed on May 31, 2022;
6. DFA staff held three public workshops in May 2022 at locations in southern California, northern California, and the Central Valley; and
7. DFA staff has considered all comments and made appropriate revisions in preparing the draft Guidelines for the State Water Board’s consideration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts the Guidelines and authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to make non-substantive changes to the Guidelines.
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA or designee to award and encumber funds through the end of 2022 with technical assistance providers consistent with the Guidelines and execute grant agreements and any amendments thereto.
3. Reiterates the authorization in Resolution No. 2020-0028 that allows the Deputy Director of DFA to utilize any funds remaining unencumbered as of the end of 2022 to extend the term of funding agreements previously executed under the Prop 68 GW Guidelines, contingent upon budget authority.

### 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 July 19, 2022.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel  
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo  
Board Member Laurel Firestone  
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Board Member Maguire

ABSTAIN: None

 for  
Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board