

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0034**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO COMMIT UP TO \$2.5 MILLION TO CONTRACT NO. 16-031-300 (VENTURA RIVER WATERSHED MODELING CONTRACT) BETWEEN THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) mission is to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations. The State Water Board is also responsible for the protection of resources, such as fisheries, wildlife, aesthetics, and navigation, which are held in trust for the public;
2. The State Water Board executed Contract No. 16-031-300, referred to as the Ventura River Watershed Modeling Contract with Geosyntec Consultants, in June 2017 to provide technical assistance in the development and application of hydrology and water quality models. This modeling project is a joint effort with the State Water Board and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (collectively Water Boards);
3. The Ventura River Watershed Modeling Contract supports various Water Board efforts related to groundwater sustainability, instream flows, water quality, and is associated with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, California Water Action Plan, Water Resilience Portfolio, total maximum daily loads, and the Water Boards' general water rights and water quality authorities;
4. Per State Water Board [Resolution No. 2018-0050](#), the Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 16-031-300 for a duration of up to six years and up to \$2 million. Public comments, newly available data sources, and ongoing water resources litigation and associated mediation efforts have impacted this contract's scope, budget, and schedule necessitating additional time and funding;
5. This Resolution will authorize the Executive Director or designee to add three years and up to \$500,000 to the contract for a total of nine years and up to \$2.5 million; and
6. Execution, amendment, and associated implementation of the contract as described are appropriate for delegation to the Executive Director and for redelegation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director:

- 1) To amend Contract No. 16-031-300 to extend the period of the contract for an additional three years for a total of nine (9) years and to add \$500,000 for a total contract amount up to \$2.5 million.
- 2) To perform all the acts and implement all measures necessary to fulfill the objectives of Contract No. 16-031-300, consistent with applicable policies and laws.
- 3) To redelegate this authority, as appropriate.

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 September 20, 2022.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

 for

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board