STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2006 – 0044

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND/OR AMEND A FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319(h) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR SUPPORT OF THE NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

- 1. The federal Clean Water Act section 319(h) (CWA 319 [h]) provides grant funds for states to implement nonpoint source (NPS) management programs;
- 2. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the designated State agency in California to administer the NPS Program;
- 3. In November 2001, the State Water Board adopted its Strategic Plan, which identifies the implementation of a Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) as an ongoing high priority initiative which coordinates many State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board activities under the WMI:
- 4. On December 14, 1999 and January 11, 2000, the State Water Board and the California Coastal Commission, respectively, approved the Plan for California's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (NPS Program Plan), which includes activities the State will undertake to control NPS pollution;
- 5. On July 11, 2000, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration approved California's NPS Program Plan;
- 6. The U.S. EPA has notified the State Water Board that the federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 CWA 319(h) grant allocation of approximately \$11,000,000 will be available to the State;
- 7. In January 2006, the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance distributed a consolidated solicitation notice requesting concept proposals for grant–funded NPS implementation projects;
- 8. The concept proposals were reviewed, ranked, and approved using the WMI process in accordance with the specifications in the guidelines for the consolidated grant program; and
- 9. The full proposals to be funded with the CWA 319 (h) grant will be reviewed for contact readiness, and the list of recommended proposals will be presented to the State Water Board by August 2006.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to apply for, accept, and amend, as necessary, an FFY 2006 CWA section 319(h) grant for an amount up to \$11,000,000 for support of the NPS Program;
- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director, or designee to negotiate and approve program workplans;
- 3. Authorizes the issuance of grants, contracts, and amendments that support the NPS Program; and
- 4. Authorizes the issuance of grants, contracts, and amendments to implement the NPS proposals after presenting State Water Board with the list of recommended full proposals selected from the competitive grants process once the grant is received.

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 21, 2006.

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