STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2009-0006

ALLOCATE \$500,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA)
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (DFG) TO AUGMENT DFG'S
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR SUCTION DREDGE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Fish and Game Code requires DFG to promulgate suction dredge regulations.
- 2. DFG is now beginning to prepare an EIR to serve as the technical basis for updating these regulations.
- 3. DWQ staff is coordinating with DFG in the preparation of the EIR so that it addresses the effects of suction dredging on water quality.
- 4. The effects of suction dredging on water quality are of concern to the State Water Board.
- 5. DFG has indicated that it needs to augment its \$1.0 million General Fund allocation in the amount of \$500,000 in order to more fully address water quality concerns related to suction dredging.
- 6. The requested allocation is consistent with the purposes of California Water Code (CWC) §13442. CWC §13442 provides that the State Water Board may order moneys to be paid from CAA to a public agency with authority to cleanup or abate the effects of a waste in order "to assist in cleaning up the waste or abating its effects on waters of the state."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves additional funds of \$500,000, from the CAA to DFG so that its EIR will fully address water quality concerns related to suction dredging.
- 2. Directs DWQ staff to work with DFG to prepare an interagency agreement that identifies the work to be completed with these funds.

3. The funds will be available until June 30, 2011. Any unexpended funds, as of June 30, 2011, shall revert to CAA, unless the Deputy Director or Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authorizes an extension.

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 Board held on January 6, 2009.

AYE: Chair Tam M. Doduc

Arthur G. Baggett, Jr. Charles R. Hoppin Frances Spivy-Weber

NAY: Vice Chair Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D

ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board

eanine Joursend