STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2009-0007

APPROVING PROJECTS, AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GRANTS FOR THE PROPOSITION 84 AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS) GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

- 1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer approximately \$32,025,000 in Proposition 84 grant funds to assist local public agencies to comply with the discharge prohibition into ASBS contained in the California Ocean Plan;
- 2. The Proposition 84 ASBS Grant Program used the procedures and criteria established by the State Water Board in the ASBS Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants;
- 3. The Guidelines inadvertently excluded certain applicants from grant eligibility;
- 4. The Guidelines allow, and the ASBS Task Force recommended that three percent of available funding (\$1,050,000) be set-aside for coordinated effectiveness monitoring of the projects recommended for funding; and
- 5. The Guidelines allow withdrawal of the grant awards to non-responsive applicants, and issuance of grant awards to other competitive proposals that are below the funding line.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Amends the Guidelines as shown in Exhibit 1;
- 2. Approves the funding for projects on the Recommended Funding List (<u>Exhibit 2</u>) above the funding line for the ASBS Grant Program;
- 3. Authorize the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to issue grants and amendments to implement the projects, including one or more grants to implement coordinated effectiveness monitoring for the suite of projects recommended for funding;
- 4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive;
- 5. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to issue a grant to the project below the funding line, should additional funds become available from withdrawn or terminated projects;

- 6. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to augment the budget of existing projects, ranked in order, to allow projects to address additional high threat discharges or other program priorities, should additional funds become available from withdrawn or terminated projects; and
- 7. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to use unspent funds from this program to augment effectiveness monitoring efforts for the suite of projects recommended for funding, in the event that funds become available from withdrawn or terminated projects.

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 February 3, 2009.

AYE: Chair Tam M. Doduc Charles R. Hoppin Frances Spivy-Weber

NAY: None

ABSENT: Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

ABSTAIN: None

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