

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0023**

APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$1,455,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,430,000, FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO TULARE COUNTY (COUNTY) FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE INTERIM EMERGENCY BOTTLED WATER PROGRAM (CBWP)

WHEREAS:

1. Senate Bill (SB)103 (Stats. 2014, Ch. 2) appropriated \$4 million from the CAA to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies;
2. The County received a \$500,000 grant through the SB 103 appropriation in July 2014 to establish the CBWP to provide bottled water to its residents whose drinking water supplies were contaminated;
3. The County also received a \$1,000,000 grant through the SB 103 appropriation in August 2014 to establish a countywide Schools Bottled Water Program (SBWP) to provide bottled water to schools that have contaminated drinking water supplies;
4. Assembly Bill (AB) 91 (Stats. 2015, Ch. 1) appropriated \$15 million from the CAA to address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies and \$4 million to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies;
5. On May 19, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. 2015-0035](#), which approved [Funding Guidelines](#) and delegated authority for administering the \$19 million in AB 91 emergency drinking water funding;
6. On August 18, 2015 the State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2015-0056](#), which approved an additional \$750,000 through the AB91 appropriation to allow the County to continue the CBWP and expand it to include residents who are experiencing drought related emergencies;
7. On January 20, 2016, the County notified CAA staff that it was unable to achieve the level of participation in the SBWP that was originally anticipated and as a result the County is anticipating to spend about \$275,000 through the SB 103 appropriation end date of June 30, 2017;
8. On January 28, 2016, the County notified CAA staff that the \$750,000 for the CBWP was expected to be fully exhausted within six (6) weeks. As a result, the County requested an additional \$2,180,000 from the CAA to serve over 1500 households under the CBWP and to allow the use of the remaining \$725,000 from the SBWP to cover a portion of the additional funding request;
9. On February 24, 2016, the State Water Board's Executive Director approved the County's request to use the remaining \$725,000 from the SBWP funding agreement towards meeting a portion of the \$2,180,000 total funding request;

10. The County will need approximately \$1,455,000 in additional funds to continue the CBWP, uninterrupted, for up to 25 months;
11. To date, the State Water Board has provided a total of \$1,975,000 to the County to administer the CBWP. The demand for the CBWP continues to be extremely high due to the number of dry wells in the area caused by the historic drought; and
12. The projects/activities proposed under this funding request are consistent with preserving the State Water Board's core value of the Human Right to Water as adopted in [Resolution No. 2016-0010](#) and therefore directly support the human right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of up to \$1,455,000 in additional funds from the CAA AB91 appropriation to fund the continuation of the CBWP for up to 25 months, for a total project amount of \$3,430,000, as recommended by staff;
2. Makes the requested funds available until June 30, 2018; and
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to execute and amend funding agreements for this project.

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 April 19, 2016.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
 Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
 Board Member Tam M. Doduc
 Board Member Steven Moore
 Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



 Jeanine Townsend
 Clerk to the Board