

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0027**

APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$128,326 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO THE RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (RCAC) FOR CONTINUING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ARVIN POINT OF USE PILOT PROJECT (PROJECT)

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. Pursuant to this appropriation, on January 7, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Executive Director approved a \$439,682 grant to RCAC for implementing and operating the Project until February 28, 2017;
3. The Project provides safe drinking water to the residents of the community of Arvin, which has drinking water supplies that are contaminated with arsenic;
4. The original scope of work for the Project was to install approximately sixty-nine (69) Point of Use (POU) filters, operate and maintain approximately one hundred and eight (108) POU filters at high water use locations within the service area of the Arvin Community Services District (Arvin CSD), conduct outreach, educate system users, sample water quality, and report on the progress and outcomes of the Project;
5. The community of Arvin's permanent solution is to install five (5) new production wells that will be integrated into the Arvin CSD's water system by 2018 with funding from Proposition 84 and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund;
6. The Project will continue to serve as the community's interim solution to the widespread water quality problem until the permanent solution is operational;
7. 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;
8. On May 19, 2015, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution 2015-0035](#), which approved [Funding Guidelines](#) and delegated authority for administering the \$19 million in AB 91 emergency drinking water funding;
9. The Funding Guidelines include a general \$500,000 limit on emergency funding per project but provide that the State Water Board may make project-specific exceptions;
10. Due to the lapse in funding between the February 28, 2017 end date of the original Project and the expected completion date of the permanent solution in 2018, on December 30, 2015 RCAC requested an additional \$128,326 from the AB 91 appropriation to continue operation and maintenance of the Project until June 30, 2018;

11. The Project activities proposed under this funding request directly support the human right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes (human right to water) and are consistent with [Resolution 2016-0010](#), in which the State Water Board adopted the human right to water as a core value and top priority, and directed its implementation in State Water Board programs; and

12. As directed by the State Water Board in Resolution 2016-0010, staff has determined that the Project supports the human right to water with the treatment of arsenic contamination for the community of Arvin.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of up to \$128,326 from the CAA AB 91 appropriation to continue operation and maintenance of the Project;
2. Makes the requested funds available until June 30, 2018 or until the permanent solution becomes operational, whichever occurs first; and
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to execute and amend funding agreements for the 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 May 18, 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

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board