

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 045

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 PER YEAR ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS, AND TO NEGOTIATE FUTURE GRANT AMENDMENTS WITHIN THIS AUTHORITY, FROM THE U.S. EPA TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MORRO BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM'S COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN.

1. Morro Bay has been designated a "National Estuary" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) Administrator, and a "State Estuary" by the California Legislature, which requires the implementation of a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP); and
2. Section 320 of the Federal Clean Water Act establishes the National Estuary Program (NEP) for the purposes of funding the implementation of the CCMP in selected estuaries of national interest; and
3. In November 2000, the Governor of California approved the CCMP for implementation, and in January 2001 the U.S. EPA Administrator approved the CCMP for implementation; and
4. In 1995, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board prepared a nomination for Morro Bay to the NEP, which the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) supported and authorized by Resolution No. 95-13, and which was approved by the Administrator of the U.S. EPA; and
5. The Morro Bay NEP was established in 1995 as a cooperative joint venture between the SWRCB, U.S. EPA, and other State and local agencies and interest groups, and has received NEP funding partly through the SWRCB since that time; and
6. The Morro Bay NEP expects to receive NEP funds for implementation of the CCMP over the next 10 years; and
7. The SWRCB continues to support the Morro Bay NEP and wishes to see the program achieve its implementation goals.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB authorizes the Executive Director to apply for and accept federal funds, not to exceed \$100,000 per year on an annual basis for the next 10 years, and to negotiate future grant amendments within this authority, from the U.S. EPA to support the implementation of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

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 April 26, 2001.

/s/

Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board