

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2002 - 0019

IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 599 (LIU) COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM - REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM CAA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,000 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)

WHEREAS:

- 1. Assembly Bill 599 (AB 599) directs the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to integrate existing monitoring programs and design new elements into a comprehensive statewide groundwater monitoring plan.
- 2. AB 599 directs the SWRCB to create an interagency task force and an advisory committee to identify actions necessary to establish the monitoring program and identify measures that would increase coordination among state and federal agencies that collect groundwater contamination information.
- 3. The SWRCB is required to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature that includes a description of a comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring program for the State by March 1, 2003.
- 4. AB 599 specifies certain aspects of groundwater monitoring plan development, that is best addressed by the USGS and since the SWRCB has limited staff resources available to perform this work, the SWRCB will contract with the USGS to develop a comprehensive statewide groundwater quality monitoring plan.
- 5. The compilation of data on various chemicals in groundwater throughout the State of California will allow the State Water Resources Control Board to better protect the health of the citizens of the state, especially those that rely on groundwater as their source of domestic and municipal supply.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board adopt a resolution approving \$375,000 from the CAA as a funding source for implementation of AB 599 and authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into an agreement, not to exceed \$300,000, and any amendments thereto with the USGS to prepare a groundwater monitoring plan.