

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 0005

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF)
LOAN CONTRACT AND AMENDMENTS FOR UP TO \$4,592,610
TO THE MARIN AUDUBON SOCIETY (MAS) FOR THE
BAHIA ACQUISITION PROJECT (PROJECT)

WHEREAS:

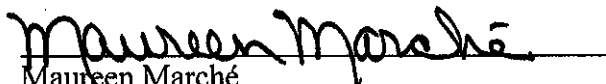
1. The MAS has requested an SRF loan for \$4,592,610 over 20 years for the Project.
2. The Project qualifies for an SRF loan under both sections 319 and 320 of the Federal Clean Water Act.
3. The Project is consistent with the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan and will enhance water quality by reducing nutrient loading in the Petaluma River system and protecting beneficial uses, such as providing wild life habitat.
4. The Project will help reduce nonpoint source pollution during storm events and will address dry weather runoff and first flush flows from storm events.
5. The Project will preserve and enhance approximately 650 acres of habitat for a variety of aquatic plants, animals, and waterfowl.
6. The Project will provide data that will be used to assess the performance of the project in meeting the water quality goals identified in a Project Monitoring and Assessment plan.
7. The acquisition of the property is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Subsequent CEQA review may be warranted once a restoration plan has been developed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board authorizes issuance of an SRF loan contract and amendments for up to \$4,592,610 to the MAS 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 Resources Control Board held on January 22, 2003.


Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board