

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2006 – 0004

ADOPTION OF THE 2005-06 CONSOLIDATED GRANTS
PROGRAM GUIDELINES (GUIDELINES)

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance is authorized to administer approximately \$143.55 million in bond funds from Proposition 40, Proposition 50, and federal appropriations for the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program;
2. The State Water Board consolidated these grants to simplify the grant application process, provide significant coordination with our partner agencies, and allow broader statewide funding needs to be addressed;
3. The State Water Board along with staff from the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and other partner agencies worked together to develop a list of priorities;
4. The Guidelines establish the evaluation criteria and the review and selection process for the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program's two step process;
5. The State Water Board has considered input from the Regional Water Boards, USEPA, partner agencies, a broad spectrum of stakeholders, and the public regarding the development and implementation of the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program through public scoping workshops held in July 2005, associated meetings, and input received through the State Water Board website; and
6. The draft Guidelines have been distributed for public comment through the State Water Board's website and public workshops were held in November and December 2005 to discuss the major concepts of the Guidelines and to solicit comments on the draft Guidelines, which have been taken into consideration in the final Guidelines.
7. The State Water Board has agreed to further consider Guidelines, Section IV(F), the litigation waiver, to address concerns raised by stakeholders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board adopts the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program Guidelines, with the exception of Section VI(F). Section VI(F) will be further considered by the State Water Board at the February 1, 2006 meeting. This further consideration will occur prior to the awarding of any grants pursuant to the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program Guidelines.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Acting 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 4, 2006.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Richard Katz
Gerald D. Secundy

OPPOSED: None.

ABSENT: Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

ABSTAIN: None.



Selica Potter
Acting Clerk to the Board