

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0024**

ALLOCATE UP TO \$1,000,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND UP TO \$1,800,000 ANNUALLY THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 FROM THE WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT FUND TO CONTINUE THE BEACH SAFETY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY TO ACCEPT THE BEACH GRANT FOR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) formerly administered the Beach Safety Program (Program), which funded beach water quality monitoring with both state and federal funds.
2. The Beach Safety Program (Program) is a project that provides comprehensive monitoring, collecting, and analysis of ambient water quality, including monitoring technology that can be entered into a statewide database with standardized protocols and sampling, collection, storage, and retrieval procedures;
3. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) provided funding to CDPH for the Program from July 1, 2008, through December 31, 2011, pending identification of a long-term sustainable funding source.
4. On October 8, 2011, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 482 (Stats. 2011, ch. 592) transferring authority over water quality monitoring at beaches from the CDPH to the State Water Board.
5. SB 482 authorizes up to \$1,800,000 annually from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF), upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement the Program;
6. This funding may begin on July 1, 2012, upon appropriation from the Legislature, and continue through June 30, 2016;
7. Section 406(b) of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1346(b)) authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to award grants to develop and implement beach water quality monitoring programs under its Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act (BEACH Act) grant program;
8. The State Water Board submitted an application for, and is eligible to receive, a preliminary allocation of \$506,000 in BEACH Act grant funds to supplement the Program;
9. State Water Board staff determined the Program qualifies for Class 6 Categorical Exemption (Information Collection) from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The State Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse within five days of adoption of this Resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves up to \$1,000,000 of funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the WDPF to implement the Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013;
2. Approves up to \$1,800,000 of funds annually, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the WDPF to implement the Program for forthcoming fiscal years through FY 2015-16;
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality, or designee to issue financial assistance agreements, any amendments thereto, and to perform all tasks necessary to implement the Program;
4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality, or designee to accept the BEACH Act grant funds, execute the BEACH Act grant agreement with U.S. EPA, and supplement the Program with BEACH Act grant funds; and,
5. The implementation of the Program qualifies for a Class 6 Categorical Exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 13306) from the requirements of CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.).

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 June 5, 2012.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Steven Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board