STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2013-0013

MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (STATE WATER BOARD) CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) MANAGEMENT AND REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

WHEREAS:

- 1. In 2002, the State Water Board delegated the authority to approve requests for CAA funds for all projects up to \$100,000 to the Chief of the Division of Clean Water Programs and made other changes to the management of the CAA in Resolution No. 2002-0060;
- 2. State Water Board Resolution No. 91-89 delegated the approval authority of CAA funds for emergency cleanup projects up to \$100,000;
- 3. The existing practice is to send all funding requests exceeding \$100,000 to the State Water Board for approval;
- 4. Increasing the delegation amount to (and including) \$250,000 would reduce the burden on the State Water Board to consider small funding requests that are routine and non-controversial:
- 5. The increased delegation authority would still require the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to present non-routine or controversial funding requests to the State Water Board for consideration;
- 6. The public would experience faster processing times and better customer service, allowing projects that improve water quality to be implemented more quickly;
- 7. This resolution would require applicants to submit a detailed budget and scope of work to ensure submitted budgets include reasonable and justifiable costs for the type of cleanup and abatement project proposed;
- 8. For efficient management of CAA, there is a need for regular reporting and public posting of funded projects; and
- 9. The Division requests that eligible applicants submit a Regional Water Quality Control Board concurring resolution for all projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Increases the authority of the Division's Deputy Director to approve funding requests to CAA up to and including \$250,000.

- 2. Delegates the authority to approve CAA funds up to and including \$250,000 only for emergency cleanup projects to the Division's Deputy Director, the Executive Director, or his or her designee(s).
- Requires applicants requesting CAA funds to submit a detailed budget and scope of work.
- 4. Requires the Division to continue to annually post a list of all CAA-funded projects from the previous year.
- 5. Requires the Division to continue to request that eligible applicants submit a Regional Water Quality Control Board concurring resolution for all projects.
- 6. Requires the State Water Board to maintain a \$3 million reserve to cover the costs of responding to disasters or large emergencies.
- 7. Adopts this resolution which will supersede Resolution No. 2002-0060 and Resolution No. 91-89.

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 Board held on May 7, 2013.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus

Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Steven Moore Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

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