

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0026**

ALLOCATE UP TO \$1,800,000 ANNUALLY FROM THE WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT FUND
TO CONTINUE THE BEACH SAFETY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCEPT THE BEACH
GRANT FOR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The Beach Safety Program (Program) is a project that provides public notification of swimming safety at California beaches through a comprehensive ambient water quality monitoring and reporting program. The program utilizes standard protocols for sample collection and data management, and includes a statewide database.
2. On October 8, 2011, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 482 (Stats. 2011, ch. 592) authorizing up to \$1,800,000 annually from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF), upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement the Program through June 30, 2016.
3. State Water Board [Resolution No. 2012-0024](#) approved \$1,800,000 of funds annually, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the WDPF to implement the Program for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016.
4. The State Water Board may reauthorize funding up to \$1,800,000 annually, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the WDPF to implement the Program.
5. The Legislature's Budget Bill for FY 2016-17 appropriates \$1,800,000 for "local assistance, to the State Water Resources Control Board, payable from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund" for 3560-Water Quality in Item 3940-101-0193.
6. 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.
7. Through the BEACH Act, the U.S. EPA authorizes the State Water Board to request and administer state U.S. EPA BEACH Act grant funds to augment California's existing Program.
8. The State Water Board annually submits an application for, and is eligible to receive, an allocation of approximately \$500,000 in U.S. EPA 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 funding of up to \$1,800,000 annually, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the WDPF to implement the Program.
2. Approves the annual application and administration of the U.S. EPA BEACH Act grant to augment the Program in coastal recreation waters near beaches in California.
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance, or designee, in consultation with the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality, 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.
4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance, or designee, in consultation with the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality, to issue financial assistance agreements, any amendments thereto, and to perform all tasks necessary to implement the Program.
5. Finds that 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 May 18, 2016.

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



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board