STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0067

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO EXECUTE AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY TO MEET THE REQUESTED PERMITTING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS:

- The California High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) has offered to provide reimbursement funds for State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) oversight of discharges of dredged or fill material to waters of the state associated with HSRA's high speed rail project.
- In 2016, the Board adopted <u>Resolution No. 2016-0041</u> authorizing the Executive Director to execute an interagency agreement with HSRA to provide approximately \$1.161 million over the course of three years to provide dedicated permitting staff to work on High Speed Rail projects.
- 3. Since that time, HSRA has determined that additional time (and associated resources) are necessary to continue dedicated permit staffing support.
- 4. The State Water Board 401 Certification Program continues to experience significant demands on staff resources due to HSRA's requested permitting schedule.
- 5. The State Water Board and HSRA have drafted an update to the existing interagency agreement which provides greater flexibility in the interagency agreement by removing the 3-year duration and funding limitation.
- 6. Approval of an updated Interagency Agreement with HSRA will ensure that there will be funding for State Water Board oversight of HSRA project sites sufficient to meet the continued needs of HRSA's requested permitting schedule.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute amendments to the interagency agreement with HRSA to meet requested permitting schedule.

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 December 18, 2019.

AYE: Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo

Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Sean Maguire Board Member Laurel Firestone

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board