# STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0026

ADOPTING THE 2026 NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SOLICIT AND RECOMMEND PROJECTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD AND EXECUTE FINANCE AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2026 NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT

### WHEREAS:

- 1. The 2026 Nonpoint Source Grant Program may consist of funds from the Clean Water Act section 319h (CWA 319h) grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
- 2. The 2026 Clean Water Act 319 grant provides funding to states to implement their nonpoint source (NPS) programs. A portion of these funds may be used for grants to implement total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and watershed-based plans to restore water bodies impaired by NPS pollution.
- 3. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer federal funds pursuant to Clean Water Act 319 for local NPS pollution control implementation activities. In recent years this has been between \$2.7 million and \$4.5 million.
- 4. The State Water Board, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and U. S. EPA staff have developed guidelines for the 2026 Nonpoint Source Grant Program to prioritize funds to address nonpoint source targeted pollutants and water bodies as identified in the 2025-2030 Draft Nonpoint Source Program Implementation Plan.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

## The State Water Board:

- 1. Adopts the proposed 2026 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) and deems projects that comply with the Guidelines eligible to compete for funding from the 2026 Nonpoint Source Grant Program.
- Authorizes staff to solicit and recommend projects to be funded from the 2026 Nonpoint Source Grant Program.

 Authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to award and execute financial assistance agreements and amendments to fund projects consistent with the guidelines and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such agreements.

#### **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 September 16, 2025.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel

Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo Board Member Sean Maguire Board Member Laurel Firestone Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

> Courtney Tyler Clerk to the Board