STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0034

ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND

WHEREAS:

- 1. Senate Bill (SB) 200 (Stats. 2019, Ch. 120) established the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (SADW Fund), in which money is appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) to fund projects to help public water systems, state small water systems, and domestic wells provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.
- 2. Expenditures from the SADW Fund on and after July 1, 2025, must be consistent with the Fund Expenditure Plan (FEP) (Health & Saf. Code, § 116766, subd. (d)).
- 3. The FEP supports the Human Right to Water, and is consistent with Board Resolution No. 2016-0010, by prioritizing financial assistance to help water systems serving disadvantaged communities provide safe drinking water.
- 4. The FEP supports Board <u>Resolution No. 2017-0012</u>, which was adopted on March 7, 2017 to establish a comprehensive and robust response to climate change. Projects funded consistent with the FEP will facilitate reductions of greenhouse gas emissions or improve climate change adaptation and resiliency of disadvantaged communities or low-income households or communities.
- 5. The Board is required to consult with an advisory group to aid in meeting the purposes of the FEP (Health & Saf. Code, § 116768.5, subd (a)(1).
- 6. Board Resolution No. 2019-0060 established the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group.
- 7. The draft FEP was discussed with the SAFER Advisory Group and stakeholders at meetings held on July 8, 10, and 17, 2025.
- 8. The draft FEP was released for public comment on June 30, 2025. Revisions to the draft FEP were made to address comments made by the Advisory Group members and in response to written comments received.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Adopts the Fiscal Year 2025-26 FEP.
- Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA)
 to update and amend the Appendices to the FEP, as necessary for
 administrative or procedural changes not in conflict with the FEP or the Policy
 for Developing the FEP for the SADW Fund.
- 3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or his or her designee, to approve or deny funding for uses consistent with the FEP; and to execute grant agreements and contracts and amendments thereto to disburse funds for such uses; and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to facilitate the implementation of 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 November 4, 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