

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
APRIL 17, 2012**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED FUNDING FOR REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF CLEANUP ACTIVITIES AT DEPARTMENT OF NAVY FACILITIES

DISCUSSION

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) oversee cleanup at approximately 63 Department of Navy (Navy) facilities in California. Regional Water Boards are the lead agencies for oversight of petroleum cleanups at all Navy facilities and at 18 Navy facilities for non-petroleum cleanup, based on a 1997 agreement on lead-oversight-agency for non-petroleum cleanups. Regional Water Boards also share the lead regulatory agency role at a number of other Navy facilities.

At the request of the Navy, the State Water Board and DTSC enter into separate Cooperative Agreements (CAs) for oversight of cleanup activities at Navy facilities in California. The previous CA with the State Water Board terminates at the end of this fiscal year. A new, one-year CA for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is necessary to continue funding.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director or designee to sign a CA with the Navy for reimbursement of regulatory oversight activities at Navy facilities for an amount not to exceed \$5 million?

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff work associated with or resulting from this action can be accomplished within budgeted resources.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes, all Regional Water Boards, with the exception of the Central Coast and the North Coast Water Boards.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to execute a CA with the Navy for reimbursement for regulatory oversight of cleanup activities at Navy facilities for an amount not to exceed \$5 million.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in implementing Priority 2 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to protect and restore groundwater quality. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 2.3 to ensure the viability of high quality groundwater basins and the cleanup of contamination.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-

AUTHORIZING CONTINUED FUNDING FOR REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF CLEANUP ACTIVITIES AT DEPARTMENT OF NAVY FACILITIES

WHEREAS:

1. The Department of Navy (Navy) through a Cooperative Agreement (CA) provides reimbursement to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for regulatory oversight of cleanup activities at Navy facilities in California; and
2. A new one-year CA will ensure funding is available for continued oversight at Navy facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to sign a CA with the Navy for reimbursement of regulatory oversight of cleanup activities at Navy facilities for an amount not to exceed \$5 million.

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 April 17, 2012.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board