

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS  
FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

**ITEM 3**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ICF CONSULTING GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ASSISTANCE WITH THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR A BAY-DELTA PLAN UPDATE

**DISCUSSION**

In July of 2008, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted a Strategic Workplan for Activities in the Bay-Delta, which identifies actions that the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will take to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta. Among other activities, the Strategic Workplan calls for the review and potential amendment of the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan.

To meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), environmental documentation will need to be prepared to identify and evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts associated with potential changes to the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. On May 20, 2011, the State Water Board entered into a contract with ICF Consulting Group, Inc. (contract number 10-056-300) in order to receive assistance in preparation of the environmental documentation for review of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. The amount of the contract is currently \$451,615.

The amendments to this contract will allow for the necessary analysis of the potential environmental impacts of additional changes to the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan and its implementation and preparation of environmental documentation for consideration by the State Water Board at a later date.

In order to fund the amendments, the Executive Director will need to allocate up to \$1.05 million in additional funds.

**POLICY ISSUE**

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to allocate the funds necessary to execute amendments to contract number 10-056-300?

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient funds are available and have been identified for this amendment.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The State Water Board should approve the resolution.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012: Comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration and the relationship between water supply and water quality, and describe the connections between water quality, water quantity, and climate change, throughout California's water planning processes.

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## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ICF CONSULTING GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ASSISTANCE WITH THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR A BAY-DELTA PLAN UPDATE

### WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is responsible for the regulation of activities and factors that may affect the quality of the waters of the state (Wat. Code, § 13001). The State Water Board is undertaking a proceeding under its water quality authority to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) adopted in 1978 and amended in 1991, 1995, and 2006;
2. In July of 2008, the State Water Board adopted a Strategic Workplan for Activities in the Bay-Delta, which identifies actions that the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will take to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta. Among other activities, the Strategic Workplan calls for the review and potential amendment of the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan;
3. To meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, environmental documentation will need to be prepared to identify and evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts associated with potential changes to the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan;
4. On May 20, 2011, the State Water Board entered into a contract with ICF Consulting Group, Inc. (contract number 10-056-300) in order to receive assistance in preparation of the environmental documentation for review of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. The amount of the contract is currently \$451,615;
5. Additional funding, up to \$1.05 million, is required to accomplish additional tasks under the scope of the existing Request for Qualifications number 09-094-300; and
6. The amendments to this contract will allow for the necessary analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed project and preparation of environmental documentation for consideration by the State Water Board.

# **D R A F T**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to amend contract number 10-056-300 and allocate up to \$1.05 million toward activities under the amended contract.

## **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 Board held on February 7, 2012.

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board