

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AND AMEND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP AND CONDUCT TRAINING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE

DISCUSSION

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) recognizes the need for and benefit of enhancing professional development opportunities for Water Board employees to increase their knowledge, skills, and expertise through Goal #7 of the State Water Board Strategic Plan. The State Water Board further recognizes the need for and benefit of educating other government agencies, the regulated community and the general public on Water Board programs and activities related protecting the State's water resources. The Academy provides Water Board staff with training to develop the comprehensive skills necessary to effectively perform in their positions and carry out the Water Boards mission. Additionally, services provided through the Academy help to build the future organizational and leadership capacity of the Water Boards.

The State Water Board FY 2012-13 budget provides \$1,500,000 for training and program support which is administered through the Water Board Academy. This level of funding is projected in future year budgets. In addition, upon request the Academy provides support and contract management services to other Water Board programs and Regional Boards for specific, limited term projects, receiving additional funds from those programs or Regional Boards, as needed. Future agreements or contracts with the University of California and other parties will continue to ensure that employees have the tools and support needed to be successful in addressing critical water resource issues, and improve how staff interacts and communicates with those we serve.

This resolution is necessary because the total amount of all Academy contracts each year will otherwise exceed the existing delegated authority for contracts. This authorization is requested for a 5-year period beginning with the adoption of this resolution.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into and amend interagency agreements and contracts to develop and conduct training at various locations within the state?

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are available and have been identified for training purposes.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should approve this resolution.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 7 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to ensure that the Water Boards have access to information and expertise needed to effectively and efficiently carry out the Water Boards' mission.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AND AMEND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP AND CONDUCT TRAINING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) recognizes the need for and benefit of enhancing professional development opportunities for Water Board employees to increase their knowledge, skills, and expertise through Goal #7 of the State Water Board Strategic Plan. The State Water Board further recognizes the need for and benefit of educating other government agencies, the regulated community and the general public on Water Board programs and activities related protecting the State's water resources; and
2. The Academy provides Water Board staff with training to develop the comprehensive skills necessary to effectively perform in their positions and carry out the Water Boards mission. Additionally, services provided through the Academy help to build the future organizational and leadership capacity of the Water Boards; and
3. The State Water Board FY 2012-13 budget provides \$1,500,000 for training and program support which is administered through the Water Board Academy. This level of funding is projected in future year budgets. In addition, upon request the Academy provides support and contract management services to other Water Board programs and Regional Boards for specific, limited term projects, receiving additional funds from those programs or Regional Boards, as needed; and
4. Future agreements or contracts with the University of California and other parties will continue to ensure that employees have the tools and support needed to be successful in addressing critical water resource issues, and improve how staff interacts and communicates with those we serve.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into new and amended interagency agreements and contracts using money allocated for training and associated staff and program development support in annual Water Board budgets. In addition, the Executive Director or designee is authorized to transfer funds from various State Water Board programs or from Regional Boards to the Academy and to amend or enter into new and amended interagency agreements and contracts to conduct training and provide associated program development support for the benefit of those programs or Regional Boards. This authorization is for a 5-year period beginning with the adoption of this resolution.

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 October 16, 2012.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board