

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
APRIL 22, 2014**

**ITEM 3**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS RELATED TO EMERGENCY DROUGHT LEGISLATION TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

**DISCUSSION**

The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (Water Code section 10780 et seq.) resulted in development of a statewide comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring program to establish baseline groundwater quality information, groundwater quality trends, and to increase the availability of groundwater quality information to the public.

The Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program includes priority basin assessments, domestic well monitoring, and special groundwater quality studies. The GAMA Program is funded in part by an ambient water monitoring surcharge on waste discharge permit fees as authorized by the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2200.

Additional funding for GAMA was identified in emergency drought relief legislation signed by the Governor on March 1, 2014. Expenditure authority for contracts included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget adds \$1,200,000 to the GAMA program from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund. This amount is in addition to the \$1,322,690 identified in State Board Resolution 2013-0026. The GAMA Program proposes to use these funds to address issues associated with shallow groundwater wells (domestic wells) in drought-affected areas of California.

**POLICY ISSUE**

Should the State Water Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$2,522,690 for the GAMA Program to address drought-related groundwater issues?

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funds available from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund are \$1,200,000. This amount is in addition to the \$1,322,690 identified in State Board Resolution 2013-0026. State Water Board staff work associated with this action can be accomplished within budgeted resources.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the State Water Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$2,522,690, for the GAMA Program to address drought-related groundwater issues.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to enhance and improve accessibility of groundwater quality information. Approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective/Action 5.2.2 to advance the Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 and use online mapping.

# **D R A F T**

## **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2014-**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS  
RELATED TO EMERGENCY DROUGHT LEGISLATION TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE  
GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

1. The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (Water Code section 10780 et seq.) required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop a statewide comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring program as part of its Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program.
2. Emergency drought relief legislation, signed by the Governor on March 1, 2014, identified additional GAMA program funding.
3. Expenditure authority for contracts included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget adds \$1,200,000 to the GAMA program from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund. This amount is in addition to the \$1,322,690 identified in State Water Board Resolution 2013-0026.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to enter into contracts and any amendments thereto, not to exceed \$2,522,690 for the GAMA Program to address drought-related groundwater issues.

### **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 22, 2014.

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board