

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND ADD FUNDS TO AN EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE WATER BOARD AND ICF JONES & STOKES SUPPORTING THE REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE BAY-DELTA WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN.

DISCUSSION

This resolution delegates authority to the Executive Director to amend and add funds to the existing State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) contract with ICF Jones & Stokes in order to accomplish work related to review of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Plan). The current delegated spending authority limit is \$2,500,000. This resolution will raise the authority an additional \$500,000 to a total limit of \$3,000,000. Further history and details are included below.

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 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Plan).

To meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.), and other applicable requirements, environmental and other documentation will need to be prepared to identify and evaluate potential changes to the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan and the potential effects of any changes. 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 required analysis and documentation in support of the review of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. The amount of the contract is currently \$1,963,187. On September 24, 2013, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution 2013-0027](#) authorizing the Executive Director to amend the contract and allocate up to \$2,500,000. The State Water Board is planning to complete an amendment to utilize this authorization by February, 2014.

Additional funding, currently estimated to be about \$120,000, will be required to complete the project supported by this contract. Additional authorization, up to the amount of \$3,000,000, will cover the additional funding and any additional unanticipated funding that may be needed to accomplish additional tasks under the scope of the contract's existing Request for Qualifications number 09-094-300. These tasks include completion of environmental documentation and other analyses in support of the review and update of the San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta salinity requirements (Phase 1). The State Water Board must authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract to provide the additional funding, with the option to solicit further funding of up to a total contract authorization of \$3,000,000.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to allocate up to a total of \$3,000,000 for contract number 10-056-300?

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this resolution will be identified in the future.

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. 2014-

TO AMEND AND ADD FUNDS TO AN EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE WATER BOARD AND ICF JONES & STOKES SUPPORTING THE REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE BAY-DELTA WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN.

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 (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.), and other applicable requirements, environmental and other documentation will need to be prepared to identify and evaluate potential changes to the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan and the potential effects of any changes;
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 required analysis and documentation for review of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. The amount of the contract is currently \$1,963,187;
5. On September 24, 2013, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution 2013-0027](#) authorizing the Executive Director to amend the contract and allocate up to \$2,500,000. The State Water Board is planning to complete an amendment to utilize this authorization by February, 2014;
6. Additional funding, currently estimated to be about \$120,000, will be required to complete the project supported by this contract. Additional authorization, up to the amount of \$3,000,000, may be needed to accomplish additional tasks under the scope of the contract's existing Request for Qualifications number 09-094-300, including completion of the Phase 1 Substitute Environmental Document; and
7. The amendments to this contract will allow for the necessary environmental and other analyses related to the proposed project and preparation of required documentation for consideration by the State Water Board.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to amend contract number 10-056-300 to allocate up to \$3,000,000 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 Resources Control Board held on February 4, 2014.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board