

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
AUGUST 18, 2015**

**ITEM 2.1**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$750,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO TULARE COUNTY (COUNTY) FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE INTERIM EMERGENCY BOTTLED WATER PROGRAM (PROGRAM)

**DISCUSSION**

Senate Bill 103 (Stats. 2014, ch. 2) appropriated \$4 million from the CAA to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies. Pursuant to this appropriation and the Executive Director's approval, the County received a \$500,000 grant in July 2014 to provide interim emergency bottled drinking water to its residents whose drinking water supplies are contaminated.

Assembly Bill (AB) 91 (Stats. 2015, ch. 1) appropriated \$15 million from the CAA to address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies and \$4 million to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies.

On May 19, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. 2015-0035](#), which delegated authority and approved [Funding Guidelines](#) for administering the \$19 million in AB 91 emergency drinking water funding. The Funding Guidelines include a general \$500,000 limit on emergency funding per project but provide that the State Water Board may make project-specific exceptions.

The County is requesting an additional \$750,000 from the CAA for its Program. The County has signed up over 1,000 households serving over 4,700 residents under the bottled water program and anticipated expending the initial \$500,000 granted in July 2014 by the end of August 2015. The additional requested funding will allow the County to continue its existing bottled water program, uninterrupted, for up to 33 months. It will also allow the County to provide bottled water to its residents whose wells have run dry as a result of the drought.

**POLICY ISSUE**

Should the State Water Board:

1. Approve the allocation of up to \$750,000 from the CAA to fund the continuation of the County's Program?
2. Make the funds available until May 31, 2018?

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

As of August 3, 2015, a total of \$1.65 million has been committed from the AB 91 emergency drinking water funding. The Division of Financial Assistance is evaluating an additional \$2.47 million in projects. Assuming funding will be committed for these pending projects, the remaining emergency drinking water funding balance is \$14.88 million. This remaining balance will be reduced to \$14.13 million if the proposed Resolution is approved.

## **REGIONAL WATER BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICE IMPACT**

Yes. The Division of Drinking Water District Offices and Regional Boards are supportive of the funding request and will assist in coordinating with impacted communities that are potentially eligible for emergency drinking water funding.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the State Water Board adopt the proposed Resolution.

<p>State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012, to 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.</p>
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## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

APPROVAL OF THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$750,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO TULARE COUNTY (COUNTY) FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE INTERIM EMERGENCY BOTTLED WATER PROGRAM (PROGRAM)

### WHEREAS:

1. Senate Bill 103 (Stats. 2014, ch. 2) appropriated \$4 million from the CAA to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies;
2. The County received a \$500,000 grant in July 2014 to provide interim emergency bottled drinking water to its residents whose drinking water supplies are contaminated;
3. Assembly Bill (AB) 91 (Stats. 2015, ch. 1) appropriated \$15 million from the CAA to address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies and \$4 million to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies;
4. On May 19, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. 2015-0035](#), which delegated authority and approved [Funding Guidelines](#) for administering the \$19 million in AB 91 emergency drinking water funding;
5. The County is requesting an additional \$750,000 from the CAA for the Program;
6. The requested additional funding will allow the County to continue its existing bottled water program, uninterrupted, for up to 33 months. It will also allow the County to provide bottled water to its residents whose wells have run dry as a result of the drought; and
7. The requested allocation is consistent with the Funding Guidelines and directly supports the human right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

# **D R A F T**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of up to \$750,000 from the CAA to fund the continuation of the County's Program; and
2. Makes the funds available until May 31, 2018.

## **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 August 18, 2015.

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board