

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

**ITEM 7**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE STATE WATER BOARD'S MISSION STATEMENT TO REFLECT EXPANDED SCOPE OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE TRANSFER OF THE STATE'S DRINKING WATER PROGRAM TO THE STATE WATER BOARD.

**DISCUSSION**

On July 1, 2014, the Drinking Water Program from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) was transferred to the State Water Board to best ensure that drinking water programs are coordinated with other water quality programs, and that the State Revolving Funds are operated in a coordinated, efficient, and effective manner. While the Water Boards have a role in protecting all waters of the State for their beneficial uses, including municipal and domestic supply (i.e., sources of drinking water), the transfer of the State's Drinking Water Program to the State Water Board enhances the Water Boards' role in public health protection. It is, therefore, appropriate that the State Water Board's mission statement be clarified and updated to reflect this expanded scope of Water Board public health responsibility.

***State Water Boards' current mission statement:*** To preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

**POLICY ISSUE**

None. The update to the mission statement does not set any specific policy.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the State Water Board adopt the draft resolution.

<p>State Water Board approval by resolution on this item will update the mission statement to reflect the expanded scope of the Water Boards' public health protection responsibilities, which occurred with the transfer of the State's Drinking Water Program from CDPH to the State Water Board on July 1, 2014.</p>
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## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

### UPDATE OF STATE WATER BOARD'S MISSION STATEMENT

#### WHEREAS:

1. The current mission statement of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is: "To preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations";
2. Effective July 1, 2014, the State's Drinking Water Program was transferred from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Board;
3. The State Water Board and the regional water quality control boards (collectively, Water Boards) have a role in protecting all waters of the State for their beneficial uses, including municipal and domestic supply (i.e., sources of drinking water), and the transfer of the State's Drinking Water Program to the State Water Board enhances the Water Boards' role in public health protection; and
4. It is appropriate that the State Water Board's mission statement be clarified and updated to reflect this expanded scope of Water Board public health responsibility.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board adopts the following updated mission statement:

To preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment and public health, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

#### 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 3, 2015.

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board