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Revisions due to the newly appropriated Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Funds incorporated into the Clean Water Act 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program

1. Insert into the Agenda Item, page 1, first paragraph under the DISCUSSION heading as follows:

The Clean Water Act section 319(h) (Clean Water Act 319) nonpoint source (NPS) grant program provides funding to states to implement their respective NPS programs. A portion of these funds may be used for grants to implement total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and watershed-based plans to restore impaired water bodies. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer approximately \$4,000,000 for this purpose from the 2016 Clean Water Act 319 NPS grant. **In addition, the 2015-2016 Budget Act appropriated Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Funds (Timber Funds) in the amount of \$2,000,000 per year to fund existing restoration grant programs. The Timber Funds will supplement and/or entirely fund 2016 Clean Water Act 319 Grant Program Projects that implement forest management measures on forest lands to improve water quality. Currently, the annual Timber Fund appropriation duration is approved for two-years (fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017) with a potential for future appropriations.**

2. Insert into the Resolution, new bullet 3 and 4 as follows

WHEREAS:

1. The 2016 Clean Water Act section 319(h) (Clean Water Act 319[h]) nonpoint source (NPS) grant program (2016 Clean Water Act 319 NPS Grant Program) provides funding to states to implement their NPS programs. A portion of these funds may be used for grants to implement total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and watershed-based plans to restore impaired water bodies.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer approximately \$4,000,000 in federal funds pursuant to Clean Water Act 319 for local NPS pollution control implementation activities.
3. **Assembly Bill 1492 (2012, Chapter 289) specifies moneys deposited in the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund may be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to fund existing restoration grant programs.**
4. **Assembly Bill 93 (2015, Chapter 10) provides an annual appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Funds (Timber Fund) for local assistance, such as that provided for by the Clean Water Act 319 Grant Program.**

3.5. The State Water Board, regional Water Quality Control Boards and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency staff have developed a list of NPS program preferences (Program Preferences) (see Exhibit 1) to target funds on NPS priority pollutants as identified in the 2014-2020 NPS Program implementation plan in watersheds that have approved TMDLs and watershed-based plans.

3. Insert into Exhibit 1 – 2016 Clean Water Act section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Program Preferences, page 12, the following text

State Water Resource Control Board Clean Water Act 319(h) and Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund Grant Preferences (2016)

<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Projects and Constituent(s)</u>
<u>Forest Management Measures</u>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>USGS HUC 12 Watersheds with State Responsibility Areas¹ with project sites defined as Forest Land²</u></p>	<p><u>The projects address one or more of the following pollutants: Sediment, Temperature, Nutrients, or Pesticides</u></p> <p><u>Projects:</u> <u>Projects that can demonstrate water quality improvement through the application of Forest Management Measures. Examples of projects include ownership-wide erosion control, road management, riparian restoration, groundwater dependent ecosystems, nutrient management, riparian fuel management, and/or post fire rehabilitation.</u></p> <p><u>The projects may include one or more of the following components:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Implementation Project Planning, Design, and Permitting.</u> • <u>Demonstration and Evaluation of Adaptive Management Response to Current or Past Forestry Management Measures.</u> <p><u>All Implementation projects must include Monitoring and a Measure of Pollutant Load Reduction consistent with the CWA 319 program requirements.</u></p> <p><u>Timber Funds shall not be used to pay for or reimburse any requirements, including mitigation of a project proponent or applicant, as a condition of any permit required by the Forest Practice Act and Forest Practice Rules. However, Working Forest Management Plans or Nonindustrial Timber Management Plans will not be summarily denied on the basis that the project is a required condition of the plan.</u></p>

¹ As described in Public Resources Code sections [4125](#) and [4126](#)

² As defined by Public Resources Code section [12220\(g\)](#)