

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0028**

ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) authorizes \$800 million to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to provide competitive grants and loans to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, state and federally recognized Indian tribes, and mutual water companies for projects that prevent or clean up the contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water (California Water Code § 79771);
2. Proposition 1 requires the development and adoption of project solicitation and evaluation guidelines prior to disbursing grants for any competitive grant program (California Water Code § 79706(a));
3. On February 12, 2016, State Water Board staff posted the draft Guidelines on the State Water Board's web site for public review and comment. State Water Board staff held five public workshops in Redlands (March 14, 2016), Burbank (March 15, 2016), Fresno (March 16, 2016), San Luis Obispo (March 21, 2016) and Rancho Cordova (March 25, 2016) to consider public comments. Staff also considered written comments received by April 1, 2016, prior to finalizing the Guidelines, in accordance with Proposition 1 (California Water Code § 79706(b));
4. The State Water Board has considered all public comments and testimony received on the draft Guidelines and made appropriate revisions;
5. The State Water Board currently has a loan program (the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund) that is available for projects that treat contaminated drinking water, and, therefore, has not established a separate loan program through these Guidelines at this time;
6. The Guidelines have been developed in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 1 (California Water Code § 79700, et seq.) and inform applicants of available funds and eligible project types, establish the evaluation criteria, and provide the solicitation, review, and selection process for awarding Groundwater Grant Program funds; and
7. The Guidelines are consistent with and support the Governor's California Water Action Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts the [Guidelines](#) and authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to make non-substantive changes to the Guidelines;
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division or designee to award grants and execute grant agreements and amendments for routine, non-controversial projects consistent with the Guidelines;
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to utilize funds from projects which are withdrawn or completed under budget to fund additional projects, or to utilize available funds to augment the scope of work and budget of projects previously awarded, consistent with the Guidelines;
4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to withdraw a grant award if the applicant is non-responsive or the Division has exhausted reasonable efforts to resolve issues that prevent the execution of a grant agreement; and
5. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to terminate a grant agreement where there is a violation of a material provision of the agreement by the recipient.

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 May 18, 2016.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Steven Moore
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board