

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 067

ADOPTION OF THE SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT
PROGRAM PROJECT PRIORITY LIST AND BLANKET
AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PLANNING AND DESIGN GRANTS

WHEREAS:

1. The Division of Clean Water Programs (DCWP) has prepared a draft Small Community Grant (SCG) Program Project Priority List in conformance with the SCG Program Policy re-adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on June 15, 2000 and based on recommendations received from seven of the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB);
2. There is a need to spread the available funds to as many communities as possible;
3. A funding line needs to be drawn due to the lack of adequate funding for Priority Classes A, B, and C;
4. Some communities with Median Household Incomes (MHI) above \$31,999 believe their MHIs to be in error, and that an income survey could result in a MHI below \$32,000, making additional communities eligible to be added to the fundable portion of the Priority List;
5. Some RWQCB may not have time to take the specific actions necessary for placement of projects in Classes A and B before the scheduled adoption date for the final Priority List;
6. There is a sufficient demand for the available funds that pollution study grants need not be issued;
7. Due to the number of eligible communities, taking each planning and design grant to the SWRCB for approval is unnecessarily time consuming for both the SWRCB and the local communities; and
8. Some regional wastewater treatment agencies may be applying for SCG funding on behalf of their member agencies, and one or more of its member agencies may meet the definition of a small community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Adopts the SCG Program Project Priority List, with a funding line drawn at the bottom of Priority Class B;
2. Places communities with MHIs above \$31,999 in Priority Classes A and B, which are planning to do a MHI survey, on the SCG Priority List with a footnote that grant funding will

not be offered until the DCWP has approved the survey showing a 1996 MHI level below \$32,000;

3. Places communities, otherwise meeting requirements for Classes A and B, on the SCG Priority List with a footnote that grant funding will not be offered until the RWQCB has adopted the local resolution and/or time schedule;
4. Directs the DCWP to defer funding of pollution study grants;
5. Authorizes the DCWP to write and issue planning and design grants for eligible SCG projects;
6. Sets the maximum grant amount per eligible small community at \$3.0 million; and
7. Approves the issuance of separate grants to qualifying small communities with 10,000 people or less discharging to regional systems, with populations greater than 10,000 people, subject to the following limitations:
 - (1) One grant shall be issued to the regional agency for each eligible small community not to exceed \$3.0 million in total for the regional agency;
 - (2) The amount of the grant shall be determined by multiplying the population of each community by its 1996 MHI and dividing by the total population of the eligible small communities. The resulting weighted MHI shall be used to determine the amount of the SCG grant, not to exceed \$3.0 million. The 1996 MHI for each eligible community must be less than \$32,000; and
 - (3) The regional agency must comply with all provisions of the SCG Policy.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant 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 August 17, 2000.

/s/

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Administrative Assistant to the Board

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