

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0044**

**ADOPTION OF THE DROUGHT RESPONSE OUTREACH PROGRAM
FOR SCHOOLS (DROPS) GUIDELINES (GUIDELINES)**

WHEREAS:

1. The Governor issued a Drought State of Emergency on January 17, 2014 directing the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to repurpose any existing unspent funds to enable near-term water conservation projects;
2. The State Water Board is authorized to administer approximately \$26 million in unallocated bond funds from Proposition 13 (approximately \$25 million) and Proposition 40 (approximately \$1.1 million) for implementation projects;
3. The State Water Board is also authorized to administer funds from Propositions 50 and 84. All funds have been awarded, but some funds may become available due to projects that withdraw or to projects completed under budget;
4. The State Water Board has considered input from partner agencies, a broad spectrum of stakeholders, and the public regarding the development and implementation of the DROPS through public scoping workshops held in June and July 2014, associated meetings, input received through the State Water Board website, and posting of the draft Guidelines on the State Water Board's website for public comment;
5. Implementation of Low Impact Development techniques is a desired outcome outlined in the State Water Board's Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012; and
6. The Guidelines establish the DROPS criteria, and the review and selection process for obtaining DROPS grant funds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts the [DROPS Guidelines](#);
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to approve proposed projects, and execute grant agreements and amendments to implement the proposed projects;
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 Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to utilize funds from projects which are withdrawn or completed under budget to fund additional projects, or augment the scope of and budget of projects previously awarded, consistent with the amounts established by the Guidelines;

4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to augment project budgets, consistent with the amounts established by the Guidelines, if funds are available;
5. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to utilize additional funds from Propositions 13, 40, 50, and 84 that become available from new appropriations or projects that withdraw or do not utilize all of their funds, for additional DROPS projects; and
6. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive.

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 August 19, 2014.

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