

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0075**

AMEND THE PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

WHEREAS:

1. The *Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014* (Proposition 1), was approved by California voters on November 4, 2014. Proposition 1 authorizes \$800 million to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to provide competitive grants 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. The Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) were initially adopted by the State Water Board on May 18, 2016 ([Resolution No. 2016-0028](#)). The Guidelines outline the process to solicit applications, criteria to evaluate and select eligible proposals, and requirements that apply to funded projects;
3. Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff are completing the evaluation of proposals and the award of funds for the first round of funding (Round 1). In anticipation of the second round of funding (Round 2) to occur in 2018, staff have proposed amendments to the Guidelines to provide clarification regarding funding eligibility, to make changes to the maximum funding amounts, and to clarify general program requirements and expectations;
4. Draft amendments were released to the public on October 10, 2017. DFA staff conducted a public outreach meeting in Sacramento on November 2, 2017. A subsequent public Board Workshop occurred in Los Angeles on November 8, 2017. Written public comments were due at noon on November 9, 2017;
5. DFA staff has considered all comments and testimony received, and made appropriate revisions in preparing the amended Guidelines for State Water Board consideration; and
6. The amended Guidelines are consistent with and support the Governor's California Water Action Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board

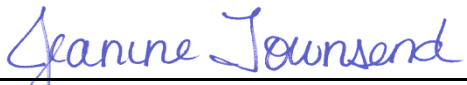
1. Approves the [amended Guidelines](#) and authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to make non-substantive changes to the Guidelines;
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or designee, to award grants and execute grant agreements and amendments for routine, non-controversial projects consistent with the Guidelines;

3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA 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 DFA to withdraw a grant award if the applicant is non-responsive or DFA has exhausted reasonable efforts to resolve issues that prevent the execution of a grant agreement; and
5. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA 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 December 19, 2017.

- AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
 Board Member Tam M. Doduc
 Board Member Dorene D'Adamo
 Board Member E. Joaquin Esquivel
- NAY: None
- ABSENT: Vice Chair Steven Moore
- ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board