

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
OCTOBER 25, 2006**

ITEM 7

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (U. S. EPA) TO CONTINUE CONTAMINANT SOURCE INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

DISCUSSION

The San Gabriel federal Superfund sites were placed on U.S. EPA's National Priority List in 1984. As part of the federal requirements, U.S. EPA must attempt to identify potential responsible parties. In addition, the existing sources of contamination must be identified and mitigated.

Since October 1985, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) has been investigating sources of groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel Valley.

In 1988, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) endorsed a strategy for addressing groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel Valley.

The Los Angeles Water Board began using funds from an initial grant from U.S. EPA in June 1989. The proposed Cooperative Agreement with U S. EPA for a grant of approximately \$350,000 continues to address the source investigation component of the strategy.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to accept approximately \$350,000 in federal grant funds to continue contaminant source identification activities in the San Gabriel Valley by the Los Angeles Water Board?

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed grant would continue the San Gabriel Valley Pollutant Source Investigation Project with federal grant funds. The State Water Board budget has adequate expenditure authority to expend these funds.

REGIONAL WATER BOARD IMPACT

Yes, Los Angeles Water Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to accept approximately \$350,000 in federal grant funds to continue contaminant source identification activities in the San Gabriel Valley by the Los Angeles Water Board.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2006 –

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (U.S. EPA) TO CONTINUE CONTAMINANT SOURCE INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

WHEREAS:

1. The San Gabriel Valley groundwater basin provides drinking water for over one million people;
2. A portion of the San Gabriel Valley groundwater basin is contaminated with volatile organic compounds and nitrates at concentrations exceeding state and federal drinking water standards;
3. The San Gabriel Valley groundwater basin was placed on U.S. EPA's National Priorities List in 1984;
4. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) has been investigating sources of groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel Valley since October 1985 in an attempt to identify potentially responsible parties;
5. In 1988, the Los Angeles Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) endorsed a program strategy and action plan for continuing the cleanup of the San Gabriel groundwater basin; and
6. U.S. EPA intends to make a grant of approximately \$350,000 available to the State Water Board to fund staff of the Los Angeles Water Board to continue source identification activities in the San Gabriel Valley.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board authorizes the Executive Director to accept a federal grant of approximately \$350,000 from U.S. EPA to continue contaminant source identification activities in the San Gabriel Valley by the Los Angeles Water Board.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the forgoing 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 October 25, 2006.

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Clerk to the Board