

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION - DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JUNE 5, 2012**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO COMMIT UP TO \$1,000,000 OF PROPOSITION 50 COASTAL NONPOINT SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM (CNPS) GRANT FUNDS FOR COORDINATED REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING IN AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS)

DISCUSSION

On March 20, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved [Resolution No. 2012-0012](#) to grant exceptions to the Ocean Plan prohibition against waste discharges to ASBS for discharges of storm water and nonpoint source waste. The State Water Board also directed staff to propose for consideration, a resolution approving up to \$1,000,000 from the Proposition 50 CNPS funds for additional ASBS regional monitoring starting in the fall of 2012.

Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Wat. Code § 79500 et seq.), provides funding for projects that restore and protect the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near shore waters and groundwater. Projects to “provide comprehensive capability for monitoring, collecting and analyzing ambient water quality, including monitoring technology that can be entered into a statewide information base with standardized protocols and sampling, collection, storage and retrieval procedures”, are eligible for CNPS funds.

The proposed Resolution would implement the State Water Board’s directive to staff. Upon approval, Division of Financial Assistance staff will work with ASBS dischargers and Division of Water Quality staff to identify one or more eligible grantees to implement coordinated, regional monitoring Projects(s) starting in the fall of 2012.

State Water Board staff has determined the Project (s) qualifies for a Class 6 [Class 6: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities] categorical exemption from California Environmental Quality Act requirements and will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The State Water Board staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse should the State Water Board approve the Project(s).

POLICY ISSUE

1. Should the State Water Board: Approve up to \$1,000,000 from Proposition 50 CNPS for one or more grants for coordinated regional monitoring in ASBS?
2. Authorize the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to issue Grants and any Amendments to implement the Project(s)?

FISCAL IMPACT

This Project(s) will be funded with up to \$1,000,000 of Proposition 50 CNPS funds that were not used by projects awarded funds in previous solicitations and have been re-appropriated.

REGIONAL WATER BOARD IMPACT

The Project(s) affects all coastal Regional Water Boards.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board:

1. Approves up to \$1,000,000 from Proposition 50 CNPS for one or more grants for coordinated regional monitoring in ASBS, and
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to issue Grants and any Amendments to implement the Project(s).

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-

TO COMMIT UP TO \$1,000,000 OF PROPOSITION 50 COASTAL NONPOINT SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM (CNPS) GRANT FUNDS FOR COORDINATED REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING IN AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS)

WHEREAS:

1. In November 2002, the voters approved the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act (Proposition 50) authorizing funding for water quality projects;
2. Proposition 50 provides funding for projects that restore and protect the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near shore waters and groundwaters pursuant to the CNPS (Wat. Code § 79148 et seq.);
3. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer the CNPS funds;
4. A project to provide comprehensive capability for monitoring, collecting, and analyzing ambient water quality, including monitoring technology that can be entered into a statewide information base with standardized protocols and sampling, collection, storage and retrieval procedures is eligible to receive funding;
5. The State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2012-0012](#) on March 20, 2012, approving exceptions to the Ocean Plan prohibition against waste discharges to ASBS for discharges of storm water and nonpoint source waste, and directing staff to propose a resolution approving up to \$1,000,000 from the Proposition 50 CNPS funds for additional coordinated ASBS regional monitoring starting in the fall of 2012 ; and
6. State Water Board staff determined that the Project(s) qualifies for a Class 6 categorical exemption from California Environmental Quality Act requirements and will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The State Water Board staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearing House upon approval of the Project(s).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves up to \$1,000,000 from Proposition 50 CNPS for one or more grants for coordinated regional monitoring in ASBS,

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2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to issue Grants and any Amendments to implement the Project(s).

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 Board held on June 5, 2012.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board