

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADD FUNDS TO AN EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE WATER BOARD AND ICF INTERNATIONAL THAT PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING THE REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE BAY-DELTA WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN.

DISCUSSION

In July of 2008, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted a Strategic Workplan for Activities in the Bay-Delta, which identifies actions that the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will take to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta. Among other activities, the Strategic Workplan calls for the review and potential amendment of the 2006 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Plan).

To meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, environmental documentation will need to be prepared to identify and evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts associated with potential changes to the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. On May 20, 2011, the State Water Board entered into a contract with ICF Consulting Group, Inc. (contract number 10-056-300) in order to receive assistance in preparation of environmental documentation in support of the review of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. The amount of the contract is currently \$1,963,187. Additional funding of \$300,000 is currently needed for this contract and additional funds may be needed in the future up to the amount of \$2,500,000 to complete work associated with the review of the Bay-Delta Plan, including completion of environmental documentation in support of the review and update of the San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta salinity requirements (Phase 1).

The State Water Board must authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract to provide the additional \$300,000, with the option to solicit additional funding of up to a total contract authorization of \$2,500,000.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to allocate an additional \$300,000, up to a total of \$2,500,000, for contract number 10-056-300?

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are available and have been identified for this amendment.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should approve the resolution.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012: Comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration and the relationship between water supply and water quality, and describe the connections between water quality, water quantity, and climate change, throughout California's water planning processes.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2013-

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADD FUNDS TO AN EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE WATER BOARD AND ICF INTERNATIONAL THAT PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING THE REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE BAY-DELTA WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN.

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is responsible for the regulation of activities and factors that may affect the quality of the waters of the state (Wat. Code, § 13001). The State Water Board is undertaking a proceeding under its water quality authority to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) adopted in 1978 and amended in 1991, 1995, and 2006;
2. In July of 2008, the State Water Board adopted a Strategic Workplan for Activities in the Bay-Delta, which identifies actions that the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will take to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta. Among other activities, the Strategic Workplan calls for the review and potential amendment of the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan;
3. To meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, environmental documentation will need to be prepared to identify and evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts associated with potential changes to the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan;
4. On May 20, 2011, the State Water Board entered into a contract with ICF Consulting Group, Inc. (contract number 10-056-300) in order to receive assistance in preparation of the environmental documentation for review of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan. The amount of the contract is currently \$1,963,187;
5. Additional funding of \$300,000 is currently required for this contract and additional funds may be needed in the future up to the amount of \$2,500,000, to accomplish additional tasks under the scope of the contract's existing Request for Qualifications number 09-094-300, including completion of the Phase 1 Substitute Environmental Document; and
6. The amendments to this contract will allow for the necessary analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed project and preparation of environmental documentation for consideration by the State Water Board.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to amend contract number 10-056-300 and allocate up to \$2,500,000 toward activities under the amended contract.

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 September 24, 2013.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board