

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
APRIL 22, 2014**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL GRANT TO CONTINUE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AT THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY SITE 300 FACILITY

DISCUSSION

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of California signed a federal Facilities Agreement for state and federal oversight activities at DOE's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Site 300 (LLNL Site 300) on June 29, 1992.

The LLNL Site 300 is a DOE experimental test facility operated by the Lawrence Livermore National Security that conducts research, development, and testing, associated with high-explosive materials. Historic operations at the site resulted in the release of contaminants, including solvents and radionuclides to the environment. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has been providing oversight for DOE's ongoing environmental restoration and waste management activities through a DOE grant since January 1993.

The current grant expires on June 30, 2014. A grant proposal between the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and DOE provides \$609,586 to fund oversight work by the Central Valley Water Board for Fiscal Years 2014-15 through 2016-17.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to accept up to \$610,000 in federal grant funds to continue oversight activities at the LLNL Site 300 facility?

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed resolution will allow continuation of the LLNL Site 300 oversight activities with federal grant funds. The State Water Board budget has adequate expenditure authority to expend these funds.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes. Central Valley Water Board staff have funding to provide oversight for LLNL Site 300 through June 30, 2014. With an approved resolution, Central Valley Water Board staff can continue project oversight for Fiscal Years 2014-15 through 2016-17.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to accept up to \$610,000 in federal grant funds to continue oversight activities at the LLNL Site 300 facility.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Priority 2 of the Strategic Plan Update: protect and restore groundwater quality. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 2.3: to ensure the viability of high quality groundwater basins through the clean-up of contamination.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2014-

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL GRANT TO CONTINUE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AT THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY SITE 300 FACILITY

WHEREAS:

1. A federal Facilities Agreement between U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the State of California authorizes funding for state oversight at DOE's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Site 300 facility as the DOE implements its Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Plan.
2. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has provided assistance in implementing the program by performing water quality oversight of DOE environmental restoration and compliance activities since January 1993.
3. The proposed grant from DOE of \$609,586 will fund the Central Valley Water Board's oversight for Fiscal Years 2014-15 through 2016-17.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to accept up to \$610,000 in federal grants to continue regulatory oversight activities at the DOE LLNL Site 300 facility.

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 April 22, 2014.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board