STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 85-47

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR CONDUCTING LABORATORY WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE OUTFALL MONITORING PROGRAM (CAL COMP) AND ACCEPTING THE FIRST PROGRESS REPORT

WHEREAS:

- 1. The policy of the State is to protect present and future beneficial uses of marine waters.
- 2. Ocean areas subject to massive waste discharges are of the highest priority (California Water Code 13142.5(a)).
- 3. The State's Ocean Plan (SWRCB 1983) contains a maximum limiting effluent objective, which has been adopted to "measure the acceptability of waters for supporting a healthy marine biota until improved methods are developed to evaluate biological response".
- 4. Recent national policy (EPA 1984) has recommended the use of biological techniques as a complement to chemical-specific analyses to evaluate toxicity of effluent discharges and to express permit limitations.
- 5. Bioassay protocols using indigeneous California marine species need to be developed to reflect the impact of wastewater discharge.
- 6. Chronic marine bioassays can be required by U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or State and Regional Boards through the NPDES permit system.
- 7. The Department of Fish and Game has qualified personnel, facilities, and experience to conduct this marine bioassay project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board accepts the Cal COMP report, "Marine Bioassay Project, First Progress Report: Bioassay Species Selection and Recommended Protocols".

2. That the State Board authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an amendment to Interagency Agreement Number 4-089-420-0 with the Department of Fish and Game for marine bioassay laboratory work related to Cal COMP by supplementing the present \$98,000 with an additional \$42,000 for a cost not to exceed \$140,000 through December 31, 1985.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control 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 June 20, 1985.

Michael A. Campos Executive Director