

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 92-20

DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH BAY MULTI-SITE COOPERATIVE (MSCA) WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), REGION 9 FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1993 AND TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS IN SUPPORT OF THE MSCA

WHEREAS:

1. The issue of ground water contamination and the need for remedial action and cleanup in the South Bay area is of critical importance in relation to the threat this situation poses to beneficial uses of ground water, especially in regard to human health.
2. The South Bay is part of a large area where approximately 1.5 million residents rely on ground water to supply 50 percent of their drinking water.
3. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) since late 1981 has been involved in the implementation of a state effort to address water quality issues resulting from leaking underground storage tanks and poor handling practices of hazardous materials.
4. EPA, Region 9, since 1985, has awarded South Bay MSCA grants to the state for staff and other necessary resources for regulation and oversight of ground water cleanup at federal Superfund sites in the South Bay. EPA, Region 9, has requested continued cooperation from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Regional Board through September 1993. EPA, Region 9, supports amendment of the MSCA program through September 1993 at this time, conditioned upon an acceptable workplan to meet the current and probable Grant Special Conditions.
5. Regional Board staff has prepared a South Bay MSCA workplan to meet the current and probable Grant Special Conditions (including time schedule) that is suitable for submittal with an application for an EPA grant amendment to obtain funding of \$2,350,000 through September 1993. The South Bay MSCA workplan also contains proposed IPA and consultant contracts of up to \$407,300.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Board approves the Regional Board's amended South Bay 1992-93 MSCA workplan. If EPA funding is limited, the Workplan shall be modified to match available EPA funding with priority to cleanup actions.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to accept a South Bay MSCA grant amendment for \$2,350,000 with EPA for regulation and oversight of ground water cleanup at South Bay Superfund sites.