STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 92-44

APPROVAL OF STATE WATER POLLUTION CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE COLLECTION OF DAMAGES

WHEREAS:

- The State Water Board and Santa Ana Regional Water Board are presently engaged in litigation to collect damages occasioned by an accident involving the American Trader oil tanker in 1989 that resulted in a large oil spill off the coast at Huntington Beach; and
- 2. There is a dispute about how much oil was actually spilled; and
- The Deputy Attorney General has requested \$10,000 to hire an expert witness to do an independent evaluation of how much oil was discharged; and
- 4. The Chief Counsel has determined that payment from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account for the expert witness is legal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board approves funds of up to \$10,000 from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account to hire an expert witness to evaluate how much oil was discharged as the result of the accident referenced above.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant 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 May 18, 1992.

Maureen Marché

Administrative Assistant to the Board

REQUEST FOR CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT FUNDS FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

This portion to be filled out by requesting Regional Board or Public Agency
APPLICANT AGENCY: Office of the Attorney General
PROJECT TITLE: Expert Witness for American Trader oil tanker litigation
Check One: New Project X Check One: Emergency Non-Emergency X
SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:
The State Water Resources Control Board and Santa Ana Regional Water Board are presently engaged in litigation to collect damages occasioned by an accident involving the American Trader oil tanker in 1989 that resulted in a large oil spill off the coast at Huntington Beach; and
There is a dispute about how much oil was actually spilled; and
The Deputy Attorney General will use these funds to hire an expert witness to do an independent evaluation of how much oil was discharged.
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ 10,000
PROJECT START DATE June 1, 1992
PROJECT END DATE June 30, 1993
CONTACT PERSON <u>Sylvia Cano</u> Hale
PHONE NUMBER 8-647-2606 ATSS
This portion to be filled by the State Board
AMOUNT APPROVED \$10,000
SWRCB INVOICE APPROVAL Alan Garbutt (coptact person)
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (Executive Director or Designee)
APPROVAL DATE MAY 22 1992
PROJECT NUMBER CAR 90 (assigned by DCWP)