STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 94-7

APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO USE UP TO \$200,000 FROM THE EMERGENCY, ABANDONED, RECALCITRANT (EAR) ACCOUNT AT THE H&H BOTTLING, INC. SITE LOCATED AT 352 FORD STREET IN WATSONVILLE, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Regional Board), submitted a written request to the Chief of Clean Water Programs for Prompt Action Funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 from the Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account for the prompt cleanup of petroleum contaminated groundwater, caused by leaking underground storage tanks located at 352 Ford Street in Watsonville, that are causing a nuisance and threaten to pollute Watsonville Slough, a surface water body;
- Prompt action by the Regional Board to abate the situation is necessary to protect human health and the environment;
- 3. No responsible party has been identified which has the financial resources to complete the cleanup work;
- 4. Funds are available, for reasonable and necessary corrective action costs, from the EAR Account, established under SB 2004 (Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Program), if the State Board authorizes their use;
- 5. The Regional Board issued the final corrective action order on January 3, 1989, to H&H Bottling, Inc., the date for compliance with that order has expired and the responsible party named in the order has failed to comply with the order, has declared bankruptcy and is no longer in existence; and,
- 6. The subsequent owner, California CoPackers Corporation agreed in AGREEMENT RE: WATSONVILLE PARKING LOT, executed by and between the Regional Board, CoPackers, and ERLY Industries, to provide the amount of \$580,000 for purposes of environmental restoration, and this sum will soon be completely spent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STATE WATER BOARD:

Pursuant to Sections 25299.36 and 25299.37 of the Health and Safety Code, authorizes an amount not to exceed \$200,000 from the EAR Account for the Central Coast Regional Board for prompt corrective action at the H&H Bottling site located at 352 Ford Street in the town of Watsonville.

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 the meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on January 19, 1994.

Maureen Marche Administrative Assistant to the Board

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