STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 95-78

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE,
TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 1996
CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA)SECTION 104(b)(3) GRANT FOR
\$75,000 TO FUND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TRAINING
FOR REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (RWQCB) PERSONNEL

WHEREAS:

- 1. The RWQCBs play a vital role in maintaining California's economic and natural environments by protecting the State's water quality standards.
- 2. Wetlands serve a key role in ensuring achievement of water quality standards and bolstering the overall environmental and economic health of State watersheds through nutrient production, natural flood and erosion control, ground water recharge, reduction and removal of toxic components, improvement of aethestics, and maintenance of habitats for fish, wildlife, and recreation and commercial activities.
- 3. The CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program serves an important role in maintaining water quality standards for the State's wetlands.
- 4. Congress is expected to appropriate wetlands protection funds for FFY 1996 to help states develop or enhance State wetland protection programs. Funds will be disbursed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under CWA Section 104(b)(3).
- 5. Appropriate training for Water Quality Certification Program staff is important to the successful implementation of the Water Quality Certification program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee to:

- Apply for an FFY 1996 CWA Section 104(b)(3) grant for \$75,000 to fund continued Water Quality Certification training for RWQCB personnel;
- Negotiate subsequent amendments to the grant workplan as needed which do not increase the total grant amount above \$200,000; and

3. Negotiate and execute contracts and amendments in accordance with the program workplan.

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 October 26, 1995.

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