

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 044

IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE SMALL COMMUNITIES GRANT (SCG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted the *Implementation Policy for the Small Communities Grant Program* Policy dated April 30, 1997, for issuance of SCG grants under the Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act (1996 Bond);
2. The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act (2000 Bond) passed by the voters on March 7, 2000, provides \$34 million for grants to small communities with populations of less than 10,000 people;
3. The Division of Clean Water Programs has determined that the quickest method to make these new funds available is to use the existing SCG Policy, with an amendment to increase the eligible population to 10,000 people, to implement the 2000 Bond program;
4. Some SCG applicants may have initiated construction due to enforcement deadlines after the 1996 Bond monies were committed, but before the 2000 Bond monies became available and deserve and need SCG funding;
5. The SWRCB placed a \$3 million cap on the amount of grant funding any one recipient can receive and limited regional agencies to one \$3 million grant per regional agency when it adopted the Priority List under the 1996 Bond;
6. A new Priority List needs to be developed to encompass communities up to 10,000 people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Amends the April 30, 1997, SCG Policy, making small communities with populations up to 10,000 people eligible for grant assistance;
2. Approves the use of the April 30, 1997, SCG Policy, as amended, for issuance of SCG grants under the 2000 Bond;
3. Retains the \$3 million cap on the amount of funding any one applicant can receive and limits grant assistance to regional facilities to one \$3 million grant per regional facility;
4. Approves the award of SCG assistance from the 2000 Bond for any SCG project meeting the following criteria:

- a. The project was on the September 18, 1997, SCG Priority List adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board and is on the fundable portion of the 2000 SCG Priority List to be adopted at a later date.
 - b. The project received all necessary approvals, including approval of the final plans and specifications prior to construction being initiated.
 - c. The need to meet enforcement deadlines necessitated construction before grant awards pursuant to the 2000 Bond can be offered.
 - d. The SCG money under the 2000 Bond is used to repay or replace a commercial or public borrowing, or local funds used to construct the eligible project; and
5. Directs the Division of Clean Water Programs to prepare a new SCG Priority List for SWRCB consideration.

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 June 15, 2000.

Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board

Note: 1997 SCG Policy is not available electronically. For a copy contact Eric Torguson at (916) 227-4449

EXHIBIT A

SMALL COMMUNITIES GRANT

POLICY