

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 066

APPROVAL OF A STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN OF
\$2 MILLION TO THE SIERRA FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY FOR
THE SONNY MEADOWS MITIGATION BANK PROJECT AND
UPDAT THE CURRENT STATEWIDE PROJECT PRIORITY LIST
TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT (LOAN NO. C-06-6076-110)

WHEREAS:

1. The Sierra Foothills Conservancy (Conservancy) requested a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan of \$2 million for the Sonny Meadows Mitigation Bank Project (Project).
2. The Project will protect the upper Chowchilla River watershed by preserving a pristine meadow that drains into a creek that is tributary to the Chowchilla River.
3. The Project will protect beneficial uses of Sierra foothills wetlands.
4. The Project is consistent with the management measures for wetlands and riparian areas identified in the Five-Year Implementation Plan of the "Plan for California's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program."
5. A perpetual conservation easement held by the Conservancy shall be placed on the property.
6. No disbursement from the SRF loan will be made until final approval of the mitigation bank is received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
7. The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), as a project to protect natural resources and the environment (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15307 and 15308).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB approves an SRF loan to the Conservancy for \$2 million for the Project and updates the current Statewide Project Priority List to include the Project.

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 August 17, 2000.

/s/

Maureen Marché

Administrative Assistant to the Board