

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2001- 015

APPROVAL OF THE SELECTION OF AG DRAINAGE CONSULTANTS
TO ANALYZE POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS
RELATED TO SUBSURFACE AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE IN
THE SAN LUIS UNIT OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Westlands Water District (Westlands) defining the SWRCB's role in selecting a consultant to be hired by Westlands to analyze and identify a solution to the agricultural drainage problem in the San Joaquin Valley.
2. SWRCB Resolution 96-029 and the MOU provide that a reimbursement agreement be negotiated with the Bureau of Reclamation and/or other responsible agencies.
3. The MOU provides that the SWRCB is not obligated to take any action or otherwise provide services if formal reimbursement agreements are not executed to cover SWRCB/RWQCB staff costs.
4. The MOU provides that a consultant will be selected by the SWRCB, in consultation with Westlands and in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP), to begin the process of analyzing potential alternatives.
5. Westlands released an RFP on May 19, 2000.
6. SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Board staff evaluated the proposals submitted in response to the RFP, interviewed the consultant teams, and recommended that Ag Drainage Consultants be selected to analyze and identify alternatives to address solutions to agricultural drainage issues faced by the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project and to conduct environmental review, where appropriate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Approves the selection of Ag Drainage Consultants to be hired by Westlands to analyze and identify potential alternatives and to conduct environmental review, where appropriate, addressing agricultural drainage issues in the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project.

2. Directs staff to ensure a reimbursement agreement to cover staff costs is executed prior to further work on this 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 January 25, 2001.

/s/

Maureen Marché

Administrative Assistant to the Board