

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 027

AUTHORIZE THE WASTEWATER ENERGY REDUCTION PROGRAM
(WER PROGRAM) TO MAKE LOANS THROUGH THE SRF PROGRAM AND
AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2001) TO
APPROVE FUNDING OF SRF LOANS NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 PER
PROJECT USING STREAMLINED PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS FOR
PROJECTS UNDER THE WER PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. Assembly Bill 970, the "California Energy, Security, and Reliability Act of 2000", appropriated funds to the California Energy Commission (Commission) to implement energy conservation and demand-side energy programs. The Commission has initially allocated \$5 million for the Water/Wastewater Peak Reduction Program, providing grants to water and wastewater treatment facilities for energy reduction projects. The Commission has been directed to utilize the funds by June 1, 2001;
2. Coordinating with the Commission's Water/Wastewater Peak Reduction Program, the Division of Clean Water Programs (Division) under its WER Program will issue SRF loans to projects that are not otherwise able to obtain the Commission's grants;
3. The June 1, 2001, goal for implementing projects under this WER Program requires that the process of granting SRF loans be streamlined. Process streamlining includes authorizing the Executive Director to approve funding of loans, not to exceed \$10,000,000 per project using simplified programmatic requirements. This authority will expire on August 31, 2001;
4. SRF programmatic streamlines include waiving the following: the Water Conservation Program, elements of the Revenue Program, the Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund, value engineering, construction inspections, performance certifications, the prohibition of replacement of previously Clean Water Grant funded equipment, and the \$25 million per year per agency cap; and
5. Because SRF loan funding will not be directly made available by federal capitalization grants, federal circulation of environmental documents beyond the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act will not apply, nor will federal MBE/WBE positive effort requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) authorizes the creation of the WER Program to issue loans for the purposes described above through the SRF loan program.

2. The SWRCB authorizes the Executive Director to approve SRF loan funding not directly made available by federal capitalization grants for WER Program projects not to exceed \$10,000,000 per project using streamlined programmatic requirements as outlined above. This authority will expire on August 31, 2001.
3. The SWRCB approves the attached priority list.

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 March 7, 2001.

/s/ _____
Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board