

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 062

APPROVAL FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR
HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND AMEND A
CONTRACT WITH SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY
(SAWPA) FOR FUNDING OF THE WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL WATER CONVEYANCE PROJECT
FROM THE SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED SUBACCOUNT
ESTABLISHED IN THE COSTA-MACHADO WATER ACT OF 2000

WHEREAS:

1. On January 25, 2001, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and SAWPA executed a contract for selection, funding, and management of projects prioritized in the Southern California Integrated Watershed Program (SCIWP).
2. The SCIWP was established in accordance with the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Act) to utilize the \$235 million to fund projects and administrative costs under the Santa Ana River Watershed Subaccount (Subaccount).
3. The funds in the Subaccount may be awarded to SAWPA for projects to rehabilitate and improve the Santa Ana River Watershed.
4. The Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) Agricultural Water Conveyance Project will extract non-potable water from Riverside North ground water basin and deliver it through combined new and existing conveyance facilities, thus shifting agricultural use from imported water supplies to a non-potable local water supply and freeing potable water supplies for other uses.
5. The WMWD's Agricultural Water Conveyance Project is consistent with the SCIWP goals of contaminant and salt removal and water conservation.
6. The Agricultural Water Conveyance Project is also consistent with WMWD's and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) water management plans, and it will result in more effective use of higher quality water supply suitable for domestic use.
7. On November 26, 1997, WMWD filed a Notice of Determination for the Agricultural Water Conveyance Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project and mitigation measures are included as a condition of approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB authorizes the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate, execute, and amend a contract with SAWPA for funding of the WMWD Agricultural Water Conveyance Project for an amount not to exceed \$7,425,000.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk 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 May 17, 2001.

/s/

Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board