

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 124

THE CITY OF CARLSBAD (CITY) IS REQUESTING FUNDING FOR ERADICATION OF AN INFESTATION OF THE INVASIVE MARINE ALGA, *CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA*, IN AGUA HEDIONDA LAGOON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700,000 FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA)

WHEREAS:

1. *Caulerpa taxifolia*, a highly invasive green alga, was discovered in Agua Hedionda Lagoon;
2. *Caulerpa taxifolia* forms a smothering blanket over any kind of marine substrate crowding out native species;
3. The permanent establishment of *Caulerpa taxifolia* in California will likely result in devastating ecological and economic consequences for the State; and
4. The Southern California Caulerpa Action Team is a coalition of federal, state, county agencies and public agencies that have formed a partnership to develop and implement a prompt and effective method for eradication of this infestation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board

1. Commits \$700,000 to the City to eradicate *Caulerpa taxifolia* from Agua Hedionda Lagoon in San Diego County.
2. Will advise the City that it should explore other funding sources for this effort in the future.
3. Will request Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board to develop a long-term plan for managing oversight of the *Caulerpa* infestation.
4. Will require quarterly progress reports be provided to the Division of Clean Water Programs beginning January 11, 2002, regarding the status of the eradication efforts at both Agua Hedionda Lagoon and Huntington Harbor.
5. Establishes an end date for this project of December 30, 2003.

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 November 15, 2001.

/s/

Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board