

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 0003**

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOCATE \$510,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO THE CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD) TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF METHYL TERTIARY-BUTYL ETHER (MTBE) IN THE SALINAS WATER SUPPLY

WHEREAS:

1. The occurrence of MTBE has impacted three water supply wells serving the City of Salinas and appears to be in drinking water supply aquifers;
2. MTBE concentrations in the impacted wells exceed the water quality objectives established by the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Basin (Basin Plan) for the designated groundwater beneficial uses of municipal and domestic supply for the Salinas area, Salinas Hydrologic Units 309.10 and 309.20;
3. The Central Coast Water Board staff has not been able to identify a party or parties responsible for the release of MTBE, after directing responsible parties for known leaking underground storage tanks (LUST), historical and closed LUST, and operating underground storage tank facilities to investigate their sites as possible sources of MTBE in groundwater impacting three water supply wells serving the City of Salinas;
4. The Central Coast Water Board staff is assisting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) and the Monterey County Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health (EHD) to find possible sources of MTBE in groundwater affecting the water supply wells servicing the City of Salinas;
5. The MCWRA is willing to perform a subsurface investigation for the purposes of characterizing the nature and extent of MTBE in groundwater and finding the party or parties responsible for the MTBE release, as stated in the California Water Code appendix, Chapter 52, with the input of the Central Coast Water Board;
6. Additional investigation is needed to characterize the nature and extent of MTBE in groundwater and find the source(s) of MTBE;
7. CAA funds are needed to fund an additional investigation to characterize the nature and extent of MTBE in groundwater to allow responsible parties to begin cleanup, and to find the party or parties responsible for the release of MTBE;
8. The Central Coast Water Board may take enforcement action against the party or parties responsible, once found, directing cleanup of the MTBE release, and/or recovery of incurred costs, including CAA costs, as stated in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, Division 7 of the California Water Code, Sections 13440-13443.
9. The Central Coast Water Board and MCWRA do not have the funds to perform the investigation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approves \$510,000 from the CAA for the Central Coast Water Board to determine the source of MTBE in the Salinas water supply.

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 Board held on January 18, 2006.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.
Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
Charles R. Hoppin

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



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Clerk to the Board