

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-0002**

**ADOPTION OF A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM'S FILLMORE WATER
RECYCLING PLANT PROJECT**

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), authorizes approximately \$360 million to implement projects that protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water while encouraging water management on a regional basis;
2. The Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program is administered jointly by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR);
3. The IRWM Program Guidelines were adopted by the State Water Board and approved by DWR in November 2004;
4. On January 18, 2007, the State Water Board adopted an IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List with grants totaling \$75,000,000 (Resolution No. 2007-0001);
5. In January 2007, DWR approved an IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List with grants totaling \$100,000,000;
6. The Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM Implementation Project was on the January 18, 2007, IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List approved for funding by the State Water Board;
7. The Fillmore Integrated Water Recycling Project II-A (Fillmore Component) is part of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM Implementation Project;
8. The City of Fillmore (City) prepared Final and Supplemental Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) for its the proposed Fillmore Component (State Clearinghouse No. 2004051020);
9. The City certified the Supplemental EIR, adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Program and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and approved the Fillmore Component on February 27, 2007;
10. The City filed a Notice of Determination with the Ventura County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research on March 1, 2007;

11. The City adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations to substantiate its decision to approve the Fillmore Component despite significant unavoidable impacts related to noise resulting from the construction of a water recycling plant;
12. The State Water Board has not previously made CEQA findings regarding the Fillmore Component of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM Implementation Project;
13. The State Water Board finds that the following specific economic, social, technological, and environmental benefits of the Project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental impacts:
 - a. Approval of the Fillmore Component will allow the City to maximize its opportunity in design and planning efforts for the Water Recycling Plant;
 - b. The changes to the recycled water pipeline distribution will form the backbone of the disposal program and allow for treated effluent to be distributed throughout the City;
 - c. The revisions to the Water Reuse System will form the basis of the treated effluent disposal program and meet established Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and California Code of Regulations Title 22 reuse permit standards;
 - d. The emergency storage ponds will provide additional capacity at the Water Recycling Plant site when emergencies arise;
 - e. The monitoring wells will ensure that any changes to groundwater would be known and potential remedies developed promptly; and,
 - f. Construction of the Water Recycling Plant will help the demands for the City's forecasted 2025 population.
14. State Water Board staff have reviewed and considered the EIRs and applicable environmental documents and have determined that the Fillmore Component will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

Adopts a Statement of Overriding Considerations regarding the Integrated Regional Water Management Program's Fillmore Water Recycling Plant Project.

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 January 15, 2008.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.
Frances Spivy-Weber
Charles R. Hoppin

NO: None

ABSENT: Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board