

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-0053**

COMMIT UP TO \$984,000 OF CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) PROPOSITION 13 OR 50
GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE BEACH SAFETY PROGRAM (PROGRAM)

WHEREAS:

1. In March 2000, the voters approved the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13) authorizing funding for water quality projects;
2. Proposition 13 established the Coastal Nonpoint Source Control (CNPSC) Program and provided funding to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for CBI projects that restore and protect the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near shore waters and groundwaters;
3. The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) provided the State Water Board with additional CNPSC funds;
4. A project to provide comprehensive capability for monitoring, collecting, and analyzing ambient water quality, including monitoring technology that can be entered into a statewide information base with standardized protocols and sampling, collection, storage and retrieval procedures is eligible to receive CNPSC funding;
5. The Department of Public Health (DPH) administers the Program which provides funds to county environmental health agencies to monitor beach water quality;
6. Funding for the Program was eliminated in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 Budget;
7. The State Water Board, in [Resolution No. 2008-0080](#) committed \$1.968 million in Proposition 13 CNPSC funds to DPH to provide funding for the Program for FYs 2008-09 and 2009-10;
8. The State Water Board provided DPH with \$499,834 from its federal stimulus allocation for Clean Water Act 604(b) projects to continue beach monitoring from July through December 2010;
9. A temporary funding mechanism to continue the Program is needed while a long-term, sustainable funding source is determined;
10. The State Water Board is required by AB 639 (Stats. 2001, Ch. 502) to develop reliable, rapid, and affordable diagnostic tests for measuring bacterial indicators in coastal waters; and,
11. State Water Board staff determined that the Program qualifies for a Class 6 categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act and will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The State Water Board shall file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse upon approval of the Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves a Proposition 13 or 50 CNPSC grant to the DPH to fund the Program for calendar year 2011;
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to issue the grant agreement and any amendments to implement the Program;
3. Directs Regional Water Boards to work with dischargers to modify permit required monitoring programs to eliminate redundancies and incorporate AB 411 monitoring, where appropriate; and,
4. Requests DPH, as a condition of the funding award, to work with the Rapid Methods Task Force on the implementation of rapid methods.

CERTIFICATION

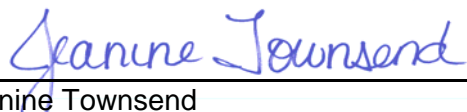
The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on November 2, 2010.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board