

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-0055**

TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$1,500,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT
(CAA) TO THE HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT), WASTEWATER TREATMENT
AND RECLAMATION PROJECT (PROJECT)

WHEREAS:

1. The District is the water purveyor for the Town of Yucca Valley (Town) and is designated as the Water Master for the Warren Groundwater Subbasin (subbasin);
2. The Town relies on septic systems which have contributed to nitrate contamination of the subbasin;
3. The Town is classified as a disadvantaged community with a medium household income (MHI) of \$39,069, approximately sixty-three percent (63%) of the California's MHI;
4. The Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R7-2011-0004](#) amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region;
5. The amended Basin Plan prohibits septic tank discharges in the Town;
6. In order to comply with Regional Water Board's prohibition, the District plans to construct wastewater collection and treatment facilities for the Town;
7. The District requests \$1.5 million in CAA funding for planning and design of the Project;
8. Water Code Section 13442 authorizes the State Water Board to use CAA funds to assist in cleaning up waste or abating its effects on the waters of the state;
9. State Water Board staff determined the Project meets CAA Program Preferences 2 (Disadvantaged Communities – Environmental Justice) and 5 (Cleanup and/or abatement of pollution in high-use groundwater basins); and
10. State Water Board staff determined the planning and design for the Project qualifies for Class 6 categorical exemption from California Environmental Quality Act requirements and will not result in any significant adverse effect on the environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves up to \$1,500,000 of CAA funds to the District for planning and design of the Project;

2. Directs the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to work with the District, Regional Water Board, and the Department of Public Health to assess the need for tertiary treatment to prevent groundwater degradation and authorizes the expenditure of funds to plan and design the tertiary treatment component only if the Deputy Director determines that tertiary treatment is necessary to protect groundwater from degradation; and
3. Shall revert any unexpended funds to the CAA as of June 30, 2013, unless the Deputy Director or Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authorizes an extension. The funds will be available until March 31, 2013.

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 November 1, 2011.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
 Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
 Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board