

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0007**

DIRECTING THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S (STATE WATER BOARD'S) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (U.S. EPA) TO OFFER EXTENDED TERM FINANCING FOR REGIONALIZATION PROJECTS AS PART OF THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The CWSRF Program is a joint federal/state funded program, providing low-interest financing for projects intended to improve the quality of the state's waters;
2. While CWSRF financing terms are generally capped at 20 years under state and federal law, U.S. EPA may authorize a state to offer Extended Term Financing (ETF), with financing terms capped at 30 years;
3. In 2008, U.S. EPA approved the State Water Board's ETF program for small, disadvantaged communities;
4. The State Water Board most recently amended its *Policy for Implementing the State Revolving Fund for Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities* (Policy), which Policy guides the CWSRF Program, in March 2009;
5. The State Water Board recognizes the importance of promoting regionalization for existing facilities;
6. ETF for regionalization projects may increase and accelerate the financing and completion of regionalization;
7. Completion of additional regionalization that otherwise would not be affordable, will have a direct benefit to water quality;
8. The eight approval criteria outlined by U.S. EPA for ETF will be addressed, as outlined in [Attachment A](#), in the application to U.S. EPA; and
9. Staff has determined that the CWSRF can maintain or exceed its average historic assistance level if it provides ETF to small, disadvantaged communities and expected regionalization projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Board directs the Executive Director, or designee, to apply to U.S. EPA to offer ETF for regionalization projects as part of the CWSRF Program;
2. The State Water Board approves the amendments to the Policy, identified in [Attachment B](#), contingent upon approval of this application by U.S. EPA; and

3. The State Water Board directs staff, in the CWSRF Annual Report, to evaluate the effect of ETF on the revolving level of the CWSRF.

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 February 7, 2012.

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