

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0071**

APPROVING \$576,750 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO
SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES (SHE) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A POINT-OF-USE (POU)
PROGRAM IN TULARE COUNTY (COUNTY)

WHEREAS:

1. Since 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has awarded a total of nearly \$5 million in grants to the County to implement a County-wide Bottled Water Program (CBWP);
2. Some communities throughout the County have received state and federal funding for the implementation of a permanent solution, but many households remain reliant on bottled water;
3. On July 19, 2016, by [Resolution No. 2016-0039](#), the State Water Board approved the allocation of up to \$4 million from the CAA (Contamination Set-Aside) to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with a contaminated water supply;
4. POU treatment is a cost-effective method to provide potable drinking water at one faucet in the home;
5. SHE has proposed a water testing and POU Program (Program) with the goal of providing eligible disadvantaged households access to safe drinking water, while reducing the overall CBWP costs through the installation of POU treatment systems;
6. The Program would include the following: outreach to an estimated 1,088 households enrolled in the CBWP due to suspected domestic well water contamination, site visits, water quality testing, installing POU systems when water quality testing shows contaminants exceeding primary Maximum Contaminant Levels, plus inspections and follow-up;
7. The proposed Program includes installation of POU systems at an estimated 250 households; however, it is difficult to estimate the number of households that will require treatment based on existing data;
8. The requested allocation is consistent with the purposes of Water Code (WC) section 13442, which provides that the State Water Board may approve the payment of moneys from the CAA to a not-for-profit organization serving a disadvantaged community to assist in addressing an urgent drinking water need without regard to whether the need for drinking water is a result of the discharge of waste; and
9. In [Resolution No. 2016-0010](#), the State Water Board adopted the human right to clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes (human right to water) as a core value and top priority, and directed its implementation in State Water Board programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of up to \$576,750 from the Contamination Set-Aside to SHE for the Program;
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to execute and amend funding agreements with SHE for the Program;
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director to allocate up to \$500,000 in additional funds from the CAA for the Program, if more than 250 POU systems are necessary; and
4. Makes the funds available until September 30, 2020, with any unexpended funds reverting to the CAA as of December 31, 2020, unless the Deputy Director of DFA authorizes an extension.

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 December 5, 2017.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Vice Chair Steven Moore
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member E. Joaquin Esquivel

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board