

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0017**

AUTHORIZE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DIRECT AN ALLOCATION FROM THE BUDGET ACT FOR GROUNDWATER CLEANUP AND WATER RECYCLING PROJECTS TO THE WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM, THE SITE CLEANUP SUBACCOUNT PROGRAM, AND THE PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The Budget Act of 2021 appropriated \$200,000,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for groundwater cleanup and water recycling projects, of which \$50,000,000 is allocated directly to the City of San Diego for the project referenced in section 10609.21 of the Water Code.
2. An addendum to the Budget Act of 2021 included a “Water and Drought Resilience Package,” which further budgeted \$100,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and \$100,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
3. Less the \$50,000,000 earmarked for the City of San Diego project and five percent (5%) for administrative costs, there is \$330,000,000 available for groundwater cleanup and recycled water projects (Groundwater Cleanup and Water Recycling Funds).
4. The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) administers the Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program (GWGP) and the Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP) focusing on groundwater cleanup, and the Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFPP) focusing on water recycling.
5. A number of existing GWGP grant recipients have submitted requests for additional grant funds due to increases in construction costs, including but not limited to recipients serving non-disadvantaged communities such as Soquel Creek Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, and Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to direct fifty percent (50%) of the Groundwater Cleanup and Water Recycling Funds to water recycling projects as grant funds in conformance with the eligibility requirements described in the applicable Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan and the WRFP Guidelines, and any amendments thereto.
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to direct fifty percent (50%) of the Groundwater Cleanup and Water Recycling Funds to groundwater cleanup projects in conformance with the eligibility requirements and priorities governing the SCAP.
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to redirect groundwater cleanup funds from the moneys directed to SCAP to augment the budgets of GWGP grant recipients that serve disadvantaged communities and severely disadvantaged communities, for good cause.
4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to direct any funds appropriated by the Legislature to the State Water Board jointly for both groundwater cleanup and water recycling projects in the Budget Act of 2022 consistent with paragraphs 1-3 above and paragraph 6 below, if the Legislature does not specify an allocation between these categories of projects.
5. Directs DFA to evaluate the effect of providing additional funding to existing GWGP recipients in non-disadvantaged communities requesting budget increases from the Groundwater Cleanup and Water Recycling Funds or remaining GWGP funds and provide recommendations at the earliest opportunity to the State Water Board regarding additional funding to those entities that have requested it.
6. To the extent that groundwater cleanup funds remain available from the moneys directed to SCAP in paragraph 2 after allocating funds to the projects described in paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 that can meet applicable requirements, including the expenditure deadline, authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to redirect groundwater

cleanup funds from the moneys directed to SCAP in paragraph 2 to augment the budgets of GWGP grant recipients that serve non-disadvantaged communities, for good cause.

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 May 24, 2022.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone
NAY: None
ABSENT: Board Member Nichole Morgan
ABSTAIN: None


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