

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0051**

AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
TO AWARD AND AMEND GRANT AGREEMENTS ADMINISTERING AN
ALLOCATION FROM THE BUDGET ACT OF 2022 FOR
DICHLORODIPHENYLTRICHLOROETHANE CLEANUP
NEAR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS:

1. Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) is an insecticide used from the 1940s until its nationwide ban in 1972 due to its harmful impacts on wildlife and its probable carcinogenic effects on humans. Recent scientific findings and awareness of ocean DDT disposal sites have focused concerns about DDT contamination in the Pacific Ocean off the southern California coast.
2. Senate Bill 154 (Stats. 2022, ch. 43), known as the Budget Act of 2022, appropriated \$5,600,000 in item 3940-107-0001, Provision 2, to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to provide financial assistance for DDT cleanup near southern California.
3. The \$5,600,000 appropriated in item 3940-107-0001 is available for encumbrance until June 30, 2023 and must be liquidated by June 30, 2025.
4. The Division of Water Quality works in coordination with the Division of Financial Assistance to administer financial assistance programs.
5. Staff from the Division of Water Quality, in consultation with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Ocean Protection Council, are identifying the scope of projects that would meet the legislative intent and budget act requirements.
6. California Sea Grant, in collaboration with University of Southern California Sea Grant, has taken a lead role in scoping the research needed to understand the extent of the DDT pollution and the impact to humans and the ecosystem. California Sea Grant co-hosted a research needs workshop in July 2022 and co-published a draft version of a report titled *A Deep Ocean DDT+ Research Needs Assessment for the Southern California Bight* in October 2022.
7. California Sea Grant is a partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the State of California, and universities across the state to create knowledge, products and services that benefit the economy, the environment, and the residents of California. California Sea Grant is within the Regents of the University of California, San Diego. Thus, the Regents of the University of California, San Diego directs funding to California Sea Grant to administer competitive research and outreach awards.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality to execute and amend grant agreements to direct up to \$5,600,000 to the Regents of the University of California, San Diego to be directed to and administered by California Sea Grant for research and community outreach that will support DDT cleanup near southern California, consistent with the encumbrance and liquidation deadlines identified in paragraph 3 above or as those encumbrance and liquidation deadlines may be amended by future legislation, and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such agreements.
2. Directs staff in the Division of Water Quality to continue to consult with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Ocean Protection Council to identify the scope of projects that meet the legislative intent and budget act requirements.

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 December 6, 2022.

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

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Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board