

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0001**

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER
SURFACE WATER-GROUNDWATER MODELING CONTRACT**

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) mission is to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations. The State Water Board is also responsible for the protection of resources, such as fisheries, wildlife, aesthetics, and navigation, which are held in trust for the public;
2. The State Water Board executed Contract No. 15-098-300 in June 2016, referred to as the Russian River Surface Water-Groundwater Modeling Contract (Russian River Modeling Contract), with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to provide technical assistance for the development and application of hydrology and water management models. This modeling is a joint effort with Sonoma County Water Agency;
3. The Russian River Modeling Contract supports various State Water Board efforts related to the Water Resilience Portfolio, the California Water Action Plan, the Russian River Frost Protection Regulations, ongoing and potential future Russian River watershed drought response efforts, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and the State Water Boards' drinking water, water rights, and water quality authorities;
4. The currently executed Russian River Modeling Contract is for a term of six years. The ongoing drought and Coronavirus-19 emergencies have caused delays affecting the Russian River Modeling Contract project collaborators at the local, state, and federal levels necessitating a one-year time extension;
5. This Resolution will authorize the Executive Director or designee to add one year to the existing six-year term, which would allow up to seven years for the contract term. This is a no-cost, time-only extension; and
6. Execution, amendment, and associated implementation of the contract as described are appropriate for delegation to the Executive Director and for redelegation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director:

1. To make amendments to Contract No. 15-098-300 to extend the contract term up to a total of seven years.
2. To perform all the acts and implement all measures necessary to fulfill the objectives of Contract No. 15-098-300, consistent with applicable policies and laws.
3. To redelegate this authority, as appropriate.

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 January 4, 2022.

AYE: Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board