

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0038**

**DELEGATING AUTHORITIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF \$224.9 MILLION  
ALLOCATED FROM THE BUDGET ACT OF 2024 FOR DRINKING WATER AND  
WASTEWATER PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Budget Act of 2024 (Senate Bill 108) reverted \$152.5 million from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) to the General Fund in Item 3940-497, previously appropriated from the Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 129) for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects (the 2021 Infrastructure Appropriation).
2. The same Budget Act of 2024 (Senate Bill 108) appropriated \$224.9 million to the State Water Board in Item 3940-102-3228, from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) (the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation), which must be encumbered by June 30, 2027. The 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation may be used for drinking water projects, with a priority to disadvantaged communities (DACs), and for wastewater projects, with a priority for septic-to-sewer conversions with local investment. Up to 10 percent of the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation funds may be used for technical assistance (TA) and capacity building in DACs, and up to 5 percent may be used for administrative costs.
3. Assembly Bill 157 (AB 157), section 105, amended the Budget Act of 2024 to specify that the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation funds may be used for projects that facilitate the reductions of greenhouse gas emissions or “improve climate change adaptation and resiliency, or environmental quality and public health, of California’s communities, with an emphasis on disadvantaged communities, as defined in Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code, or low-income households or communities, as defined in Section 39713 of the Health and Safety Code, consistent with Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code.” AB 157 further indicated that the SB 108 appropriation may be dependent on sufficient revenue from the cap-and-trade program and thus there is a possibility that the Department of Finance could make further adjustments to the total of \$224.9 million.
4. The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) has previously worked with the Division of Drinking Water (DDW), the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), drinking water and wastewater system representatives, environmental justice (EJ) groups, and other stakeholders to identify potential priority projects for the State Water Board’s consideration. Many of these projects that are on the Drinking Water and Clean Water State

Revolving Fund (DWSRF and CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) fundable lists could potentially be funded by the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation.

5. The Board adopted guidelines for the Expedited Drinking Water Grant funding program via [Resolution No. 2023-0006](#), and the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation could be used to fund projects through these guidelines.
6. Consistent with [Resolution No. 2016-0010](#), the proposed actions will support the human right to water by providing financial and administrative assistance to improve access to, and the quality of, drinking water in DACs, as defined in section 79505.5 of the Water Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or designee, to approve up to \$151 million of the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation for planning and construction grants for drinking water projects, with priority for DACs, and to execute agreements and amendments therefor, consistent with the eligibilities, conditions, and processes for grants set forth in the DWSRF IUP applicable to the fiscal year in which each agreement is executed, provided that certain DWSRF program compliance obligations or conditions may be waived for projects funded by the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation at the discretion of the Deputy Director or designee;
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA to direct a portion of the drinking water funds described in paragraph 1 to be administered through the Expedited Drinking Water Grant funding program, with an emphasis on DACs, and to execute agreements and amendments therefore, consistent with the eligibilities, conditions, and processes set forth in the Expedited Drinking Water Grant Funding Program Guidelines, as may be amended;
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or designee, to approve up to \$62.7 million of the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation for planning and construction grants for wastewater projects, with priority given to septic-to-sewer conversions with local investment, with an emphasis on DACs, and to execute agreements and amendments therefor, consistent with the eligibilities, conditions, and processes for grants set forth in the CWSRF IUP applicable to the fiscal year in which each agreement is executed, provided that certain CWSRF program compliance obligations or conditions may be waived for projects funded by the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation at the discretion of the Deputy Director or designee; and

4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA, or designee, to use up to 10% of the amounts referenced in paragraphs 1 and 3, above, for TA grants to benefit disadvantaged communities, for drinking water projects and wastewater projects, respectively, consistent with the eligibilities, conditions, and processes for TA set forth in the Policy for Developing the Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, in the Fund Expenditure Plan, and in the IUPs, for the applicable fiscal year; and
5. Directs the Deputy Director of DFA, in the event that the amount of the 2024 GGRF Infrastructure Appropriation available for project grants is reduced in the future, to allocate the reduced amount to projects or TA in approximately the same ratio as provided above (approximately 70% to drinking water projects and approximately 30% to wastewater projects) to the extent practicable, provided that the Deputy Director of DFA is not required to disencumber funds that are already encumbered, or to disapprove projects that are already approved, to achieve this approximate ratio.

### **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 November 19, 2024.

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



Courtney Tyler  
Clerk to the Board