

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0014**

ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES TO ADMINISTER PROPOSITION 4 FUNDING TO
ADDRESS WATER QUALITY IN THE RIVERS THAT COME ACROSS THE BORDER
FROM MEXICO

WHEREAS:

1. Proposition 4 (Prop 4) appropriated \$50,000,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for water quality problems arising in the rivers that come across the border from Mexico (US Mexico Border Funding).
2. Prop 4 allows up to seven percent (7%) for administrative costs in addition to statewide bond costs, resulting in \$46,151,000 available for eligible projects.
3. The full amount of Prop 4 US Mexico Border funding (\$46,151,000) was appropriated for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the Budget Act of 2025.
4. Prop 4 requires that a minimum of forty percent (40%) must be used for Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and a minimum of ten percent (10%) for Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDACs). In addition, up to 10% may be used for technical assistance.
5. On February 20, 2026, Assembly Bill 107 was signed into law exempting any guidelines and selection criteria governing the Budget Act of 2025 appropriation of Prop 4 from the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). This exemption applies to the total amount of US Mexico Border Funding, so the Guidelines will serve as the sole legal framework governing project solicitation and evaluation for the Prop 4 US Mexico Border Funding Program.
6. The Guidelines depict the administration of Prop 4 funds for US Mexico Border projects, including eligible projects, application process, project selection, required reviews, and eligible costs for reimbursements.
7. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to any project or any portion of a project located in Mexico.
8. The State Water Board will review any project or any portion of a project located within the State of California for compliance with the CEQA.
9. The State Water Board has consulted with the Colorado River and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards; California cities and counties near the border; the International Boundary and Water Commission; and the North American Development Bank.

10. The State Water Board held two workshops to go through the Guidelines, application requirements, and scoring procedures for prospective applicants in the Tijuana and New River regions. The Guidelines were also posted for public comment from February 2, 2026 to March 13, 2026.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopts the proposed Guidelines to administer Prop 4 US Mexico Border Funding.
2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) or designee to properly perform the duties imposed upon the Board by these Guidelines, including but not limited to the power to enter into grant financing agreements on behalf of the State Water Board.
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of DFA or designee to make non-substantive revisions to the Guidelines, if the State Water Board or its staff determine that non-substantive revisions are needed.

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 April 21, 2026.

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