

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
JUNE 5, 2007**

ITEM 10

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS OF BUTTE AND GLENN COUNTIES, AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION RELATED TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD'S CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS

DISCUSSION

The State Water Board has been a signatory to an MOU ([Attachment](#)) among the Central Valley Water Board, the Department of Pesticide Regulation, and the Agricultural Commissioners of Butte and Glenn counties for the past two years. All parties agreed to review that MOU after 24 months for the purpose of assessing its effectiveness in addressing water quality impacts as described in the Irrigated Lands Program. Through the current MOU these two County Agricultural Commissioners have entered into contracts with the Central Valley Water Board to help implement and coordinate the use of their programs that contribute to controlling nonpoint sources of pollution from irrigated agriculture. The current MOU is set to expire June 30, 2007. By renewing this MOU, the Central Valley Water Board and the Agricultural Commissioners of Butte and Glenn Counties will be able to further their work, and take advantage of efficiencies through this unique partnership.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to sign the revised MOU enabling the Central Valley Water Board to enter into contracts with the Butte and Glenn County Agricultural Commissioners to help implement and coordinate the use of their programs that contribute to controlling nonpoint sources of pollution from irrigated agriculture?

FISCAL IMPACT

The revenue to fund 1 PY per year for the first two years of this MOU, divided equally between Butte and Glenn counties, shall be authorized by the State Water Board and paid to the two counties for activities actually performed and invoiced as provided in the MOU. The total cost for the first two years is \$271,440. The revenue may be extended for additional years if agreed to by all parties.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

No

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should authorize the Executive Director to sign an MOU that promotes interagency coordination, and cooperation at the state and local levels.

**STATE WATER BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A RENEWED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS OF BUTTE AND GLENN COUNTIES, AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION RELATED TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD'S CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS.

WHEREAS:

1. The State and Central Valley Water Boards, the Agricultural Commissioners of Butte and Glenn Counties, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation have had a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place since June 29, 2005.
2. The Central Valley Water Board and the Agricultural Commissioners of Butte and Glenn Counties have worked cooperatively on a pilot program under the MOU and the Central Valley Water Board's Irrigated Lands Program to improve water quality utilizing the Agricultural Commissioners institutional knowledge of local geographic, hydrologic, and agronomic conditions of the watersheds in their jurisdictions.
3. The State and Central Valley Water Boards, the Agricultural Commissioners of Butte and Glenn Counties, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation wish to extend the MOU another four years to further their work, and use the results to evaluate whether to expand the program in the Central Valley Region, and take advantage of efficiencies through this unique partnership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Agricultural Commissioners of Butte County and Glenn County, and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

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 the meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 5, 2007.

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Clerk to the Board