

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JUNE 3, 2008**

ITEM 7

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1 MILLION FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD (CIWMB) FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF THE EDUCATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE (EEI) CURRICULUM

DISCUSSION

CIWMB requests funding in the amount of \$250,000 for each of four consecutive fiscal years beginning with Fiscal Year (FY) 2007/08 (total of \$ 1 million) to help create and disseminate the EEI Curriculum.

This innovative curriculum for grades K-12 is mandated by law and is currently under development by CIWMB and the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) in consultation with the California Department of Education (CDE). Among other environmental topics, the EEI curriculum units relate to water, toxic and hazardous waste, integrated waste management, and pollution prevention. The EEI curriculum will provide students with a better understanding of the importance of clean water, the effects of waste on water or water pollution, and how water pollution is remediated and prevented.

CIWMB is producing and field-testing an estimated 104 full-color curriculum units that average 120 pages each. After approval by the State Board of Education in early 2010, CIWMB will work with CDE to disseminate the curriculum to all California school districts. Several other state agencies are contributing financially to this multi-million dollar effort, including the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the California Energy Commission, and the State and Consumer Services Agency.

The requested allocation is consistent with the purposes of Water Code (WC) section §13442. WC §13442 provides that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) may order moneys to be paid from CAA to a public agency with authority to cleanup or abate the effects of a waste in order “to assist in cleaning up the waste or abating its effects on waters of the state.”

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board approve funding in the amount of \$250,000 for FY 07/08 from CAA to CIWMB for development and dissemination of the EEI Curriculum, and authorize the Executive Director to approve additional annual allotments of up to \$250,000 for each of the three following fiscal years to complete this work?

FISCAL IMPACT

Approving \$250,000 will leave an uncommitted balance of \$8,476,000 in CAA.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes, all regional boards by resulting in greater public awareness of pollution prevention issues.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should approve funding in the amount of \$250,000 for FY 07/08 from CAA to CIWMB for development and dissemination of the EEI Curriculum, and authorize the Executive Director to approve additional annual allotments of up to \$250,000 for each of the three following fiscal years to complete this work.

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WHEREAS:

1. CIWMB requests funding in the amount of \$250,000 for each of four consecutive fiscal years beginning with Fiscal Year (FY) 2007/08 (total of \$ 1 million) to help create and disseminate the EEI Curriculum;
2. This innovative curriculum for grades K-12 is mandated by law and is currently under development by CIWMB and the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) in consultation with the California Department of Education (CDE);
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4. Among other environmental topics, the EEI curriculum units relate to water, toxic and hazardous waste, integrated waste management, and pollution prevention. The EEI curriculum will provide students with a better understanding of the importance of clean water, the effects of waste on water or water pollution, and how water pollution is remediated and prevented; and
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board approves funding in the amount of \$250,000 for FY 07/08 from CAA to CIWMB for development and dissemination of the EEI Curriculum, and authorizes the Executive Director to approve additional annual allotments of up to \$250,000 for each of the three following fiscal years to complete this work.

D R A F T

The funds will be available until June 30, 2012. Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2012, shall revert to CAA, unless the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authorizes an extension.

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 Board held on June 3, 2008.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board