

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REQUIRING SUSTAINABLE WATER
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

9th Paragraph of Discussion moved and reworded as follows:

The State Water Board recognized ~~ds that another~~ an important component of implementing sustainable water resources management is the relationship between energy, water supply, water quality and natural resource protection. The State Water Board is committed to identifying policies and program areas to integrate climate change strategies and comply with the goals stated in Assembly Bill 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006). On August 23, 2007, the Water Boards and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) jointly hosted a public workshop on climate change, and on September 18, 2007, the Board adopted a climate resolution (Resolution No. 2007-0059). Water Boards' staff is also working with Air Resources Board staff and other agencies to develop greenhouse gas reduction strategies as part of the California Climate Action Team. On February 19, 2008, the Board approved Resolution No. 2008-0011 directing State Water Board staff to assess the technical feasibility, resources required, and preliminary schedule for implementing selected greenhouse gas emission reduction measures.

10th Paragraph of Discussion moved and reworded as follows:

State Water Board staff is also working with the Air Resources Board, DWR, California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission, and other agencies, as part of the Water-Energy Climate Action Team, to promote water measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These measures include water recycling, end use water conservation and efficiency, reducing the energy intensity of water systems (i.e. pumps, treatment), increasing renewable energy production from water and wastewater facilities, and increasing urban water reuse through techniques such as LID. California continues to live beyond its means in water and energy resources. The threats of urban sprawl, climate change, water overdraft, and emerging pollutants require the Water Boards to stretch the scope of traditional water quality control efforts. Sustainable water management means using innovative technology to protect, enhance, and increase the sustainability of watersheds. The Water Boards have initiated sustainable water resource management by beginning to incorporate LID practices and climate change strategies into policies and programs. However, more work is needed to develop a progressive regulatory system that requires sustainable water management.

The POLICY ISSUE, STAFF RECOMMENDATION, and RESOLUTION sections have been reordered and clarified. As an example, the revised RESOLUTION is provided below:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Continues to commit to sustainability as a core value for all Water Boards' activities and programs;
2. Directs Water Boards' staff to require sustainable water resources management such as LID and climate change considerations, in all future policies, guidelines, and regulatory actions;
3. Directs State Water Board staff to identify policies and program areas to integrate climate change strategies and comply with the goals stated in Assembly Bill 32, **based on the Water-Energy Climate Action Team process**;
4. Directs Regional Water Boards to aggressively promote **measures such as recycled water, conservation, and** LID Best Management Practices where appropriate and work with Dischargers to ensure proposed compliance documents include appropriate, sustainable water management strategies;
5. Directs State Water Board staff to assign a higher grant priority to **climate-related and** LID projects, particularly those that are supported by local LID policies or ordinances;
6. Supports training for Water Board staff and stakeholders to ensure successful implementation of **climate change strategies and** LID practices; and
7. Directs Water Boards' staff to coordinate with partners from other government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private industry and business to further enhance and encourage sustainable activities within the administration of Water Board programs and activities.