

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

ITEM 2

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING FORMATION OF THE CALIFORNIA STORM WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

DISCUSSION

The State Water Board will consider adoption of a resolution approving the formation of the California Storm Water Quality Authority (Authority) through a Joint Powers Agreement (Agreement) between the State Water Resources Control Board, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, and the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The new California Storm Water Quality Authority, formed in accordance with California Government Code section 6500, will provide the facilitation of collaborative storm water efforts, support and provide research services, develop tools to assist public and private entities in complying with municipal, industrial and construction storm water permits. The Authority's resulting work will result in improved surface and ground water quality and enhancement of California's water supply.

POLICY ISSUE

The formation of the California Storm Water Quality Authority will provide the State Water Resources Control Board a mechanism to collaborate with storm water stakeholders and leverage resources for the development of tools and research needed to maximize storm water as a resource through implementation of the State and Regional Water Boards storm water regulatory program and the statewide storm water strategic initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of this resolution will have no fiscal impact on the State Water Board. Adoption of the resolution will allow the State Water Board to further leverage storm water regulatory program resources.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Adoption of the resolution will allow the Regional Water Boards to further leverage storm water program resources.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

State Water Board staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

<p>State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal(s) 1 and 3 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to Collaborate with the California Stormwater Quality Association and other parties to identify and prioritize for action impediments associated with the implementation of LID and storm water reuse techniques to increase the sustainability of California's water supply. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Actions 1.2.3, 1.2.5, Objective 3.2.</p>

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

FORMATION OF THE NEW CALIFORNIA STORM WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS:

1. Sustainable water resources management is vital to California's future. In 2008, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted [Resolution 2008-0030](#), confirming its continued commitment to sustainable water resources management.
2. Storm water and dry weather runoff from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), construction sites, and industrial facilities continue to be a major source of water quality impairment throughout California.
3. Across the state, local storm water programs have evolved over time from programs that were, in some cases, largely focused on public outreach and education and general control measures, to ones with specific control measures and water quality-based requirements, including the advancement of addressing impaired water bodies through Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and low impact development practices.
4. Storm water stakeholders including members of the regulated community and environmental advocacy groups have expressed concerns regarding the statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water regulatory program effectiveness and the ability to address issues on a regional or statewide basis.
5. In 2013 the State Water Board adopted [Resolution 2013-0029](#) directing actions in response to efforts by stakeholders to reduce cost of permit compliance while maintaining water quality protection. Such actions are to address the Water Boards' storm water regulatory program needs to advance and provide measurable water quality outcomes for the compliance costs.
6. The formation of the California Storm Water Quality Authority as a new joint powers authority will assist with the sharing of resources to benefit regional and statewide storm water management programs that emphasize storm water and dry weather runoff as a resource and important component of the state's water supply. The California Storm Water Quality Authority is set forth to attain the following goals:
 - a. Improving the quality of receiving waters through the reduction of pollution sources in urban and rural watersheds;
 - b. Providing research for the development of source and treatment controls in support of complying with California's Construction, Industrial, and MS4 NPDES Permits;
 - c. Assessing monitoring data collected in California and nationwide to better understand critical pollutants causing impairment of California's receiving waters;
 - d. Improving public education and public access to water quality information regarding pollution sources and pathways;

- e. Providing technical guidance documents and programs (including handbooks, manuals, and training programs) that support storm water permit compliance and assist storm water management professionals to advance the effectiveness of storm water programs statewide; and
 - f. Providing technical guidance for Water Board staff to develop and implement TMDLs.
7. The purpose of the California Storm Water Quality Authority is to support research and develop tools and training to assist public and private entities in complying with NPDES storm water permits to improve surface water quality and enhance water supplies in California.
8. On November 20, 2015, the State Water Board provided public notice that the State Water Board will consider adopting a resolution approving the formation of the California Storm Water Quality Authority at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2015.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves this resolution to form the California Storm Water Quality Authority and in support of moving forward with collaborative efforts that improve local storm water management programs and statewide storm water regulatory programs.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to sign the [Joint Powers Agreement](#) including any necessary revisions and future amendments, on behalf of the State Water Board.
3. Designates the Deputy Director of Water Quality as the authority Board member representing the Water Boards, with the Assistant Deputy Director of Water Quality for Surface Water as an alternate. Both designees will submit a completed Form 700 for their role on the Authority Board.

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 December 15, 2015.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board