

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 96-13

APPROVAL OF A STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN TO
THE PANOCHE DRAINAGE DISTRICT FOR CONTINUATION
OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(SRF LOAN NO. C-06-6024-11)

WHEREAS:

1. The Panoche Drainage District (District--Attachment) has requested an \$8 million State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan for continuation of the Irrigation System Improvement Project (Project) which was previously approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in Resolution No. 93-103.
2. The Project will promote irrigation efficiency, improved management, and water reclamation and conservation practices for the District.
3. The Project will reduce the volume of subsurface drainage water high in selenium and salinity concentrations in the District. This drainage water reduction will provide the District, a member of the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority), greater flexibility in managing drainage flows. This flexibility may help the Authority meet the monthly standards for selenium and salinity loading to the San Joaquin River stipulated by the Use Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for interim use of the San Luis Drain.
4. There is presently a \$5 million cap for all projects being funded in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1996.
5. The SWRCB finds that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15302 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Amends the Statewide Project Priority List to include the \$8 million continuation of the Panoche Drainage District Irrigation Improvement Project.

2. Approves an SRF loan for the \$5 million cap for the Panoche Drainage District Irrigation Improvement Project, with total funding in FFY 1996 for \$8 million if the funding cap is raised.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant 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 February 22, 1996.



Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board