STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 115

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL UNDER WHICH THE CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND LITIGATION SUPPORT AT THE FORMER CASMALIA RESOURCES HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS:

- 1. The former Casmalia Resources Hazardous Waste Management Facility (Facility) is a 250 acre inactive hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility located near the community of Casmalia approximately nine miles southwest of the City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County.
- 2. During the Facility's operation from 1973-1989, the owner/operators accepted billions of pounds of commercial and industrial hazardous wastes from thousand of generators.
- 3. In 1991, the owner/operator ceased all efforts to clean up and close the Facility.
- 4. In 1992, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), in response to deteriorating site conditions, initiated certain interim stabilization actions. U.S. EPA is the regulatory lead agency for the management, administration, and governmental/regulatory oversight of the Facility.
- 5. In 1994 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was reached between Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). This MOU established DTSC as the lead State agency, and point of contact with U.S. EPA for facilitating State's comments to the federal government regarding this Facility. This Agreement also outlines DTSC and Regional Board's representative regulatory roles for oversight at this Facility.
- 6. The approval of this Interagency Agreement (IA) will allow the Regional Board to provide technical assistance to DTSC to evaluate impacts to water quality to the State's waters from past, present, and future releases of hazardous substances at the Facility as part of its investigation, stabilization and cleanup.
- 7. The approval of this IA will allow DTSC and the Regional Board to coordinate litigation support activities to the State Attorney General's Office.
- 8. The approval of this IA will allow DTSC and the Regional Board to coordinate and transmit Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) to U.S. EPA throughout the implementation of remedial actions at the Facility.
- 9. Approval of this IA will ensure continual coordinated State agency oversight of the Facility.

10. The Regional Board has received staff cost reimbursement funding through previous IAs by DTSC. This IA will effect staff cost reimbursement for the activities outlined above.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

Authorizes the Executive Director or Designee to execute a \$420,000 (\$140,000 a year), three-year IA with DTSC for RWQCB staff cost reimbursement for technical assistance and litigation support regarding the former Casmalia Resources Hazardous Waste Management Facility during Fiscal Years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004.

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 October 18, 2001.

/s/ Maureen Marché Clerk to the Board