

STATE WATER BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 0027

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CLEAN WATER ACT
(CWA) SECTION 319(h) GRANTS TO IMPLEMENT THE AGRICULTURAL
WATER QUALITY PROGRAM (AWQGP)

WHEREAS:

1. The CWA Section 319(h) provides grant funds for states to implement Non-Point Source management programs;
2. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is the designated State agency in California to administer the NPS Program;
3. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has notified the State Water Board that the expected Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 CWA Section 319(h) grant allocation of approximately \$11,000,000 will be available to the State;
4. In September 2004, the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance (Division) solicited grant proposals to implement the AWQGP and the CWA Section 319(h) NPS Implementation program;
5. The State Water Board approved a Recommended Projects List ([RPL](#)) to implement the AWQGP on March 16, 2005;
6. The proposals on the amended RPL were reviewed according to criteria in the AWQCP Guidelines, adopted by the State Water Board on August 26, 2004, by a review panel made up of staff from the State Water Board, eight Regional Water Quality Control Boards, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Geologic Survey, CA Bay-Delta Authority, CA Department of Food and Agriculture, CA Department of Pesticide Regulation, CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts, Wetlands Subcommittee of the Interagency Coordination Committee, UC Davis Department of Entomology, and UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. The proposals were also reviewed for administrative readiness by Division staff; and
7. The amended RPL was prepared by the Selection Panel, composed of liaisons from the review panel, in accordance with the adopted AWQGP Guidelines. The projects recommended for funding are those judged by the Selection Panel most likely to reduce or eliminate NPS pollution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves funding for project as recommended on the attached Recommended Projects List;
2. Approves CWA Section 319(h) funding for projects as recommended on the attached Recommended Projects List contingent on grant agreements being executed after the State Water Board receives CWA Section 319(h) funds from USEPA; and

3. Authorizes the Executive Director or the Chief of the Division of Financial Assistance to issue grants, contracts, and amendments to implement the projects on the attached Recommended Projects List.

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 April 21, 2005.



Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board