

STATE WATER BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 0034

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND
ACCEPTANCE OF A WETLANDS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) TO CONDUCT A WETLAND
MITIGATION STUDY

WHEREAS:

1. On December 20, 2004, the Los Angeles Water Board submitted a pre-proposal for EPA's Fiscal Year 2005 State-Tribal-Local Wetlands Program Development grant (up to \$200, 000) to conduct a study of pre-impact and wetland mitigation sites in the Los Angeles Region;
2. EPA selected the pre-proposal and requested a full proposal on February 4, 2005;
3. The goals of the proposal are to determine compliance with wetland mitigation requirements, to identify successful wetland mitigation types, to determine the overall net gain or loss of wetlands in the Los Angeles Region, and to implement compliance measures to reduce the loss of wetland habitat;
4. The proposal is consistent with the priorities in the California Wetlands Conservation Policy, the California Watershed Management Initiative, and with the interests of several other agencies and entities in the Region; and
5. The grant funds requested exceed a three year duration, requiring State Water Board approval of the grant application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Officer to apply for a Wetlands Program Development grant from EPA for up to \$200, 000 in order to conduct a wetland mitigation study and to increase compliance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certifications Program; and
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to negotiate future amendments to the budget.

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