STATE WATER BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2005 0061

AUTHORIZING OF FUNDING FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) FOR CONTRACT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEDIMENT QUALITY OBJECTIVES (SQOs) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND AMEND CONTRACTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SQOs

WHEREAS:

- 1. In 2001, the Sacramento County Superior Court ordered the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to adopt SQOs pursuant to the California Water Code §13393 (CWC§13393);
- 2. CWC§13393 requires that the SQOs be scientifically based, provide adequate protection for the most sensitive aquatic organisms, and reasonably protect beneficial uses;
- 3. The State Water Board has made significant progress within major bays; however, data is required to develop SQOs for estuarine habitats;
- 4. The State Water Pollution CAA is an appropriate source of funding for the SQO effort; and
- 5. The State Water Board will require the assistance of technical expertise provided by contractors at an estimated cost of \$2.565 million for this multiyear effort.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board approves funding of an additional \$2.565 million from the CAA in support of the Phase II development of SQOs for bays and estuaries, and authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate, execute, and amend contracts for the development of SQOs. Commitment of this money is based on the following schedule: \$450,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06, \$1.165 million for FY 2006-07, and the remaining \$950,000 on July 1, 2007.

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 September 7, 2005.

Debbie Irvin

Clerk to the Board