

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-0044**

TO ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) TO THE LAHONTAN REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (LAHONTAN WATER BOARD) FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE ASIAN CLAM REMOVAL PROJECT IN THE WATERS OF LAKE TAHOE (LAKE)

WHEREAS:

1. The Lahontan Water Board requests additional funding of \$100,000 to continue work on the Asian Clam Removal Project;
2. The Asian Clam is an aggressive invader and a rapidly reproducing species effecting the Lake water quality and impacting the recreation and municipal water supply by bio-fouling water intakes and littering the shore with dead shells. Dead shell matter also increases the background concentration of calcium in the water which may enable other exotic species to establish in the Lake;
3. The lake-wide establishment of these clams is unknown. This Project will locate clam colonies throughout the Lake, and will provide extensive information needed to develop an eradication and control plan consistent with the Asian Clam Control and Monitoring Plan Strategies of the Lake;
4. CAA funds of \$100,000 have previously been allocated in support of the pilot project that consists of examining the removal effectiveness and impacts of various potential methods for control. The additional funds will support the next phase of the Project which will assess and survey the area to determine the extent and intensity of the non-native, invasive Asian Clam infestation in the Lake; and
5. The requested allocation is consistent with the purposes of Water Code Section 13442. Section 13442 provides that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) may order moneys to be paid from the CAA to a public agency with authority to cleanup or abate the effects of a waste in order "to assist it in cleaning up the waste or abating its effects on the waters of the state."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves additional funding of \$100,000 from the CAA to the Lahontan Water Board for continued support of the Asian Clam Removal Project; and

2. The funds approved today will be available until June 30, 2012. Any unexpended funds, as of June 30, 2012, shall revert to CAA, unless the Deputy Director or Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authorizes an extension.

CERTIFICATION

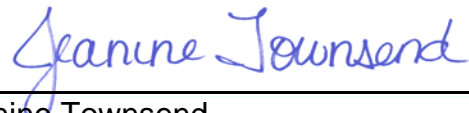
The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on June 2, 2009.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board