**Board of Water Resources (BWRe) Policy Regarding the COVID-19 Emergency**

**Approved**

During the COVID-19 declared state emergency, and for 120 days following, the BWRe will accept requests from project fund and loan recipients to defer payments based on hardship due to the COVID-19 emergency. Payment deferrals may be granted for one year from the date a request is approved, with an option for another year upon further showing of hardship. A payment deferral request must be accompanied by the BWRe Payment Deferral Request Form and must be signed by the recipient’s presiding official. A recipient’s governing body must approve a payment deferral request.

The Board directs the Division of Water Resources (DWRe) Staff to review and grant requests for payment deferrals due to hardship.

The Board directs DWRe Staff to waive the delinquent interest charge for deferred payments during the term of the payment deferral.

The Board directs DWRe Staff to work with recipients during the payment deferral period to restructure debt payments.

The Board directs DWRe Staff to prepare a written report for each Board meeting detailing the total number of payment deferrals granted, the total amount of payments deferred, and the names of recipients approved for payment deferrals.