

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND FACILITIES
SAFE EXCAVATION BOARD IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO
EXTEND THE REPAYMENT DATE FOR THE LOAN FROM THE CALIFORNIA
HIGH-COST FUND-B ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FUND**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Dig Safe Act of 2016 (SB 661, Chapter 809, Statutes of 2016) (the “Act”), codified under Government Code section 4216 et seq. (the “statute”), the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board (the “Board”) is mandated to coordinate education and outreach activities that encourage safe excavation practices, develop certain standards for safe excavation practices, investigate possible violations of the statute, and enforce the statute on specified persons;

WHEREAS, under the Budget Act of 2017, the Board received a loan from the California High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund in the amount of \$7,406,000 (the “loan”) for the Board’s first two years of operational expenses, and the Board must repay the loan (principal and interest) by July 1, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized under the Act to repay the loan and obtain funding for its ongoing operational expenses from a fee charged to members of the regional notification centers not to exceed the reasonable regulatory cost incident to enforcement of the statute, and the Board anticipates the regulation to implement such a fee will become effective January 1, 2019;

WHEREAS, due to the timeframe to repay the loan and anticipated fee regulation effective date, the Board would need to impose an extremely high initial fee on the members of the regional notification centers, and thus these members may experience a significant cost burden; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the repayment date of the loan from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2021 would allow the Board to enact a lower, stable fee over two years and alleviate the potential initial cost burden on the members of the regional notification centers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board supports legislation to extend the repayment date for the loan from the California High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund by two years, from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2021.

Date of Adoption: April 19, 2018

I hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 18-04-02 adopted by the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board on April 19, 2018: RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND FACILITIES SAFE EXCAVATION BOARD IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO EXTEND THE REPAYMENT DATE FOR THE LOAN FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-COST FUND-B ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FUND.

/s/ Tony Marino

/s/ Jessica Arden

Tony Marino
Executive Officer

Jessica Arden
Chair

Date: April 19, 2018