



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: December 8, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PHD
Director(s) Public Health Director
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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Public Health Director to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for a Local Oversight Program for Underground Storage Tanks

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve and adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment A), which:
- 1) Ratifies and authorizes the Public Health Director to enter into a Grant Agreement (Number D20-08-006) with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in the amount not to exceed \$291,136 for FY 2020-21 to implement a Local Oversight Program for the abatement of, and oversight of the abatement of, unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from leaking underground storage tanks (Attachment B);
 - 2) Authorizes the Public Health Director to execute future Grant Agreements or amendments to implement the Local Oversight Program through FY 2022-23, if State funds are made available and unless otherwise directed by the Board of Supervisors, as long as the award is within 10% of the previous annual amount and there is no significant change in the scope of work required under the agreement.; and
 - 3) Authorizes the Public Health Director to certify that the County of Santa Barbara has and will comply with all applicable federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements related to the financial assistance funds received by the State Water Board for the Local Oversight Program; and
- b) Determine, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), that the recommended actions are not a project subject to CEQA review because they consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific

project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and furthermore that the actions are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Guidelines Sections 15307 and 15308 as they consist of actions for the protection of natural resources and the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Health Director to enter into a Grant Agreement (Number D20-08-006) with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in an amount not to exceed \$291,136 for FY 2020-21 for the implementation of a Local Oversight Program for the oversight of the abatement of, unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from leaking underground storage tanks. The resolution also authorizes execution of future agreements or amendments through FY 2022-23, if additional funding becomes available. The State Water Board requires a resolution from the Board of Supervisors authorizing the Public Health Director to sign the grant agreement. Adoption of the resolution will grant the Public Health Director the authority to enter into the agreement for this fiscal year as well as future agreements or grant amendments, provided the grant amount remains within 10% and there is no significant change in the scope of work required under the Grant Agreement.

Background:

In 1990, Santa Barbara County implemented a Local Oversight Program (LOP) for the abatement, and oversight of the abatement, of unauthorized releases of hazardous substances from leaking underground fuel storage tanks (USTs). This oversight program is administered by the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division, and annual grants received from the State Water Board provide reimbursement to the County for the cost of performing these oversight services. This program is consistent with the Public Health Department's objectives to protect the residents of Santa Barbara County from environmental health hazards such as petroleum-contaminated soil and groundwater by ensuring that unauthorized releases from leaking USTs are properly assessed and abated to prevent environmental and human health impacts.

The State Water Board recommends a three (3) year authorizing Resolution, therefore, the Director of the Public Health Department is requesting the authority to execute the grant in each of the next three grant cycles (FYs 2020-21 through 2022-23).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Adopting, ratifying, and authorizing the Chair to execute the attached resolution will allow the Public Health Director to enter into a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$291,136 for a period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and to execute future grant agreements or amendments through FY 2022-23. This grant was included in the FY 2020-2021 Adopted budget.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) original Adopted Resolution and one Certified Minute Order to the Public Health Department. Please email Kelly Lazarus at Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution for Local Oversight Program Grant Agreement # D20-08-006

Resolution to Accept Grant Agreement for Local Oversight Program of Underground Storage Tanks

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B. Local Oversight Program Grant Agreement #D20-08-006

Authored by:

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