

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

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SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution to Receive Grant Funding for the Watershed Coordinator Grant Program from the California Department of Conservation

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the attached Resolution to accept the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement (Grant Number 3003-581) with the California Coastal Conservancy to receive grant funding for the *Watershed Coordinator Grant Program* to fund watershed planning on the south coast of Santa Barbara County; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to enter into the Grant Agreement (Grant Number 3003-581) and all other subsequent agreements or amendments to receive up to \$202,943 in funding for the *Watershed Coordinator Grant Program*.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations align with Goal No. 5: Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On December 9, 2003, your Board received information regarding the County's grant application to the California Coastal Conservancy (CCC) for the Watershed Coordinator Grant Program. Staff from Project Clean Water is already heavily involved in Watershed Planning projects, and these projects continue to move forward, as well as new projects coming on line. This grant allows the opportunity to augment our efforts in Watershed Planning through the use of grant funds. Several projects are currently underway, and these grant funds will allow the County's participation at a reduced cost to the County.

This grant will fund up to 50% of an existing funded position thereby saving County funds that would have otherwise been spent. No additional staff is proposed to be hired. In addition, the Cachuma Resource Conservation District (a grant co-sponsor) would have a portion of their staff funded as well through the grant. The Cachuma RCD has been involved in other planning efforts and has a good working relationship with the agricultural community.

The watershed coordinator program would implement projects that address water use efficiency, water quality, watershed planning and ecosystem restoration. The partnership involved with this program between the County and the Cachuma RCD insures that urban and agricultural land use issues will be addressed with equal expertise. The grant includes a 60% watershed coordinator position for the County (50% grant funds with a 10% local match), and a 40% position at the Cachuma RCD. The RCD staff and their Board of Directors submitted letters of commitment for this grant.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Staff time will be required to implement this project; 50% will be covered by the grant funds, and 10% will provide a match. Staff participation in this project helps the County meet its obligations for water use efficiency and storm water quality improvement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Matching funds are provided through a combination of staff time and benefits, office supplies, and contributions from the Cachuma RCD. It is important to stress that the grant funds help offset costs that would otherwise be expended by the County; no new staff positions are funded or requested through this action. Revenue for this grant were included in the 2004-05 proposed Budget under the Water Agency cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. The proposed budget for the project is shown below.

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	Total Budget	DOC Grant	County In-Kind Match	Cachuma RCD In-Kind Match
<i>Salaries and Wages</i>				
Watershed Coordinator				
Program Specialist, Sr. – 60% 3,744 hrs @ \$34/hr	\$127,296	\$106,080	\$21,216	
Water Resources Specialist 40% 2,496 hrs @ \$27/hr	\$67,392	\$67,392		
Benefits for Watershed Coord.				
Program Specialist, Sr. 60%	\$31,988		\$31,988	
Water Resources Specialist 40%	\$14,804			\$14,804
Engineering Tech., WA 90 hrs @ \$61.00/hr	\$5,490		\$5,490	
Engineering Tech, CRCD 300 hrs @ \$22.00	\$6,600			\$6,600
<i>Equipment</i>				
Computer (desktop and laptop)	\$2,300		\$1,940	\$360
Digital Camera	\$600		\$600	
HGM assessment equip.	\$800		\$800	
GPS Unit	\$3,000			\$3,000
<i>Operating Costs (J)</i>				
Mileage (16,240 @ \$0.34/mile)	\$5,522		\$3,000	\$2,522
Printing	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Postage	\$1,850		\$1,850	
Office supplies	\$2,400		\$1,400	\$1,000
Rent	\$7,823		\$5,443	\$2,380
Workshop Attendance	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Telephone Services	\$1,230		\$630	\$600
Subtotal (K)	\$282,095	\$176,472	\$74,357	\$31,266
Administration (L)	\$26,471	\$26,471		
TOTAL (M)	\$308,566	\$202,943	\$74,357	\$31,266