



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 11/10/09
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Director of Public Works (568-3010)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas Fayram, Deputy Director, Water Resources (568-3436)

SUBJECT: Water Quality Grant Applications, All Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: NA

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Project Clean Water Manager or designee to seek and apply for water quality project and program grants from federal or state government agencies or other funding entities during FY 2009-2010.

Summary Text:

Since the inception of Santa Barbara County's Project Clean Water Program in 1999, the Water Resources Division has periodically obtained water quality and storm water management project grants from federal and state agencies. Funding through such grants has been an essential element in providing tools and programs to protect public health and to enhance environmental quality in Santa Barbara County watersheds and beaches. However, the time allowed for submission of applications for such grants is often too short to allow for prior Board approval. Therefore, the Water Resources Division seeks the Board's approval to apply for appropriate water quality grants during FY 2009-2010. Upon being awarded any such grants, the Water Resources Division will obtain Board approval prior to accepting grant funds.

Background:

There is an ongoing need for continued and strengthened water pollution prevention and awareness due to public health concerns and the need to meet increasingly rigorous Clean Water Act requirements. In addition, budgetary constraints make it necessary to seek non-general fund sources of revenue to support

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Project Clean Water. The Water Resources Division applies for grants from federal and state agencies as a way of implementing the County’s storm water management program and leveraging limited County resources. Grant solicitations are often issued with a very short time period for submitting applications. The time frame often does not allow for the Water Resources Division to obtain Board approval prior to applying. The recommended action would allow the Water Resources Division to apply for appropriate water quality and storm water management grants during FY2009-10 without seeking prior approval from the Board. The Board’s approval would be obtained prior to the acceptance of funds awarded to the Water Resources Division.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Water pollution prevention and awareness is an ongoing program in the Water Resources Division. Funding for the Project Clean Water program was included in the Adopted 2009-10 Budget under the Water Agency section of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-344 in the budget book.

Staffing Impacts: N/A

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of this action to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

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