

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County Water Agency

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SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution to receive Grant Funds from the California Department of Fish and Game for the Tri-County F.I.S.H Team

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Directors:

- A. Adopt the attached Resolution to accept the grant funding (Grant Award Number P0350020) with the California Department of Fish and Game to receive grant funding for the Tri-County F.I.S.H Team; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to enter into the Grant Agreement (Grant Award Number P0350020) and modifications or amendments to receive up to \$68,500 in funding for the Tri-County F.I.S.H Team.

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:

The Tri-County F.I.S.H. Team is a partnership between local government agencies, sponsoring agencies, and non-governmental organizations within San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties to develop a regional approach for salmonid restoration in the tri-county area. The TCFT is creating a regional fish passage restoration project priority list that will serve as plan for conducting restoration activities within the region. This effort will help establish a more coordinated effort to help prioritize efforts and resources of governmental agencies. A member of the Water Agency staff has been designated as the Local Coordinator for the TCFT.

On July 8, 2003, your Board received information regarding the grant application to the DFG for administration of the Tri-County F.I.S.H Team activities. Work to be performed under this grant includes*:

- Development of regional Best Management Practices and training workshops,
- Development of a Regional Restoration Projects Plan,
- Public Education and Outreach, and
- Continuing to serve as a regional nexus for fishery restoration activities.

*Most of these tasks will be completed by a technical consultant hired using the grant funding. Water Agency staff will conduct administrative activities, which will also be funded through the grant.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Staff time will be required to coordinate implementation of these projects and manage consultant/professional services contracts.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

▪ Tri-County F.I.S.H Team Grant Request:	
▪ Personnel Expenses*	\$23,874.00
▪ Operating Expenses	\$44,626.00
Total	\$68,500.00
DFG grant funds approved	\$68,500.00
Personnel Expenses (TCFT Executive Committee In-Kind)**	\$20,250.00
TOTAL Estimated Project Cost	\$88,750.00

* \$18,500 will pay for Water Agency staff support

* *These in-kind services are provided by the Executive Committee, which comprises a local government representative, local agency representative, and public member from each county.

Funds for Water Agency staff time will be deposited in Dept: 054, Fund: 3050, Acct: 4339, Program: 3012. Expenditures relating to the Tri-County F.I.S.H. Team will be paid from Dept: 054, Fund: 3050, Acct: 7460, Program: 3012. These costs are included in the proposed FY 2004-05 Budget under the Water Agency Cost Center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. Approval of these grants will increase our resources and allow the Water Agency to meet its obligations as a signatory to the Tri-County F.I.S.H. Team MOU.