



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 07/01/14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors, Water Agency
Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s) Cathy Fisher, Agricultural Commissioner, 681-5600

Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: **Resolution Adopting the 2013 Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- A. Adopt the Resolution Adopting the 2013 Santa Barbara Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan; and
- B. Find that the IRWM Plan is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines Section 15306, basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resources evaluation activities; and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The first IRWM Plan was adopted in 2007 by our region and included approximately 30 participating cities, special districts, joint power authorities, and non-government organizations (known as the "Cooperating Partners"). The Santa Barbara County Water Agency, on behalf of the Cooperating Partners, applied for and received grant funding through Proposition 84 in the amount of \$555,000 in April of 2011 to update the 2007 IRWM Plan. The update was needed to meet current IRWM Plan Guidelines from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and secure eligibility for implementation

grant funding through Proposition 84. A contract was awarded to RMC Water and Environment to lead the plan update following a competitive Request for Proposal process.

The update of the plan includes a Santa Maria Valley Salt and Nutrient Study and a South Coast Recycled Water Development Study. Two public workshops were held to receive public input to the plan. These workshops occurred on November 14, 2012, and on November 21, 2013, and were linked by teleconference between the north and south county Board hearing rooms.

The updated plan was submitted to DWR in January of 2014, and approved on May 15, 2014. A handout of “highlights” of the plan is attached and a link to the full plan is provide here:

<http://www.countyofsb.org/irwmp/>

Background:

In 2002 Senate Bill 1672 created the Integrated Regional Water Management Act to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage local and imported water supplies to improve quality, quantity, and reliability. In November of 2002 California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, which provided \$500,000,000 (Cal. Water Code § 79560-79565) to fund competitive grants for projects consistent with an adopted IRWM plan.

Following Proposition 50, Proposition 84 - The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 was passed by California voters. Proposition 84 provides \$5.388 billion statewide for various types of projects including:

- protecting rivers, lakes, and streams
- improving flood control
- sustainable communities and the reduction of climate change
- protecting beaches, bays and coastal waters
- parks and natural education facilities
- forest and wildlife conservation, and
- statewide water planning

The Santa Barbara Region has been successful in obtaining funding through both Proposition 50 and Proposition 84, funding 21 projects within our region for a total of \$29 million in grant funding.

The adoption of this updated 2013 IRWM Plan will allow our region to continue the pursuit of funding through current Proposition 84 programs (including the current emergency drought round) and potentially future funding legislation.

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 Prop 84 grant			\$ 555,737.00
Federal			
County Partners In-Kind			\$ 185,892.00
City of Santa Maria			\$ 30,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 771,629.00

Narrative: The update of the IRWM Plan was paid for through a Proposition 84 Planning Grant in the amount of \$555,737. Administration of the update by County staff and in-kind participation by the Regional Cooperating Partners was used as the required 25% match for the grant funding. No general fund monies were utilized with this project.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District, Attn: Christina Lopez

Attachments:

Resolution of Adoption, 2013 IRWM Plan

CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Santa Barbara Countywide IRWM Plan

2013 IRWM Plan Highlights

2013 IRWM Plan (on CD)

2013 IRWM Plan (Hard Copy – to Clerk of the Board)

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