



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: PW/Water Agency
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: November 7, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Water Agency

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Matt Young, Interim Deputy Director – Water Resources, (805) 568-3546
Info:

SUBJECT: **Authorization to Execute Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Subgrant Agreements pursuant to California Proposition 1 Implementation Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Funding, All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Subgrant Agreements and all necessary subsequent agreements or amendments with the City of Lompoc, the City of Guadalupe, the Carpinteria Valley Water District, and the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board, pursuant to the Proposition 1 Implementation Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant; and
- b) Find that these actions do not constitute “Projects” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(4).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve and authorize the Public Works Director or his designee, on behalf of the County Water Agency (Water Agency), to execute Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Subgrant Agreements, and all necessary subsequent agreements and amendments with the City of Lompoc (Attachment A), the City of Guadalupe (Attachment B); the Carpinteria Valley Water District (Attachment C); and the Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board (Attachment D) pursuant to the Proposition 1 Implementation Round 2 Integrated Regional Water

Management (IRWM) grant.

On August 16, 2022, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Water Agency to submit a proposal for Proposition 1 Implementation Round 2 IRWM grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and, if awarded, authorizing the Public Works Director or designee to execute any and all agreements, subsequent agreements or amendments with DWR to receive Proposition 1 Implementation Round 2 IRWM funding.

On December 12, 2022, the Water Agency received a letter from DWR affirming that the Santa Barbara County IRWM Implementation Grant Application filed by the Water Agency has been awarded \$3,590,268 for the following projects:

Agency	Project	Grant Award Amount
City of Lompoc	Leak Detection and Repair	\$449,993
City of Guadalupe	Pioneer Lift Station Rehabilitation	\$989,665
Carpinteria Valley Water District	Carpinteria Advance Purification	\$1,150,610
Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board	Emergency Pumping Facility-Secured Pipeline Project	\$1,000,000
TOTAL GRANT AWARD		\$3,590,268

Background:

The IRWM grant program was created under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) with continuing funding provided by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). The program is administered by DWR to award funds to local public agencies and non-profit organizations for projects and programs to improve water supply reliability and improve and protect water quality. Such projects and programs must be consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan.

Beginning in September, 2006, the Water Agency has worked with a County-wide group of 29 cities, special districts, water purveyors, joint powers authorities, and non-governmental organizations to develop the first Integrated Regional Water Management Plan which was completed in May, 2007. The plan was updated in 2013 and again in 2019 in response to DWR’s most recent IRWM Guidelines.

As authorized on December 11, 2007, the Water Agency acts as the single eligible grant recipient responsible for administration of the IRWM grants. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding and sub-grant agreements between the Water Agency and Cooperating Partners, the Water Agency functions as a pass-through agency between the State and Local Agency Partners. The Water Agency is responsible for organizing and forwarding the required project reporting information to the State and to review and submit claims to the State from each Local Agency Partner. Local Agency Partners are then reimbursed once funding is received from the State.

On November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Proposition 1 authorized the appropriation of \$510 million in IRWM funding for Implementation, Planning, and Disadvantaged Community Involvement efforts. DWR awards this funding to IRWM funding areas. The Santa Barbara County IRWM is part of the Central Coast Funding Area (CCFA) along with the following Regional Water Management Groups and IRWM Regions; San Luis Obispo County, Greater Monterey County, Monterey Peninsula/Carmel Bay/South Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz County, and Pajaro River Watershed. The CCFA has been allocated a total of \$43 million over the expected appropriation rounds.

On February 26, 2019, the Board approved the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Water Agency and IRWM Cooperating Partners and the 2019 IRWM Plan Update, submitted to DWR in August, 2019. The 2019 Plan Update was necessary to meet DWR’s current IRWM Plan Standards and Guidelines and to secure eligibility for Implementation Round funding through Proposition 1.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
Prop 1 Implementation Round 2	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$2,590,268.00	
Grant Funds			
Total	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,590,268.00	

Fiscal Analysis:

\$1,000,000 in grant revenue and pass through expenditures to the Local Agency Partners was included in the adopted FY 2023-2024 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-331 in the budget book. The majority of the remaining grant funding is anticipated to be received and budgeted next fiscal year. The Water Agency has contracted with Dudek, a local consultant, to administer the grant for a cost of \$29,300. These costs, including non-grant funded costs borne by the Water Agency for grant administration, will be shared with the Local Agency Partners as set forth in the MOU.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Copy of City of Lompoc Subgrant Agreement
- Attachment B: Copy of City of Guadalupe Subgrant Agreement
- Attachment C: Copy of Carpinteria Valley Water District Subgrant Agreement
- Attachment D: Copy of Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board Subgrant Agreement

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