



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Water Agency
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: November 5, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: 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, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Fray A. Crease, Water Agency Manager, 568-3542

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution to Apply for Proposition 1, Implementation Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Funds, 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 of the Water Agency:

- a) Adopt the resolution entitled "Resolution to Support the Grant Proposal for Proposition 1, Implementation Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant" to (1) make a proposal for Implementation Grant Funding from the Department of Water Resources and (2) authorize the Public Works Director or designee, if awarded, to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such proposal, and execute any and all grant agreements, amendments, and subsequent agreements with DWR to receive Proposition 1, Implementation Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management grant funding; and
- b) Find that the proposed action is related to creation of a government funding and other fiscal activity which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guideline Section 15378(b)(4).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to adopt a resolution supporting the Water Agency's grant application for Proposition 1, Implementation Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant funds. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposal solicitation package

requires the applicant to provide an adopted resolution that authorizes both the submittal of the proposal and the execution of a grant agreement with the State.

The Santa Barbara County IRWM Program received nine projects through the project solicitation process. Project evaluation was carried out by a subcommittee, consisting of five people selected by the Cooperating Partners, representing the three recognized sub-regions in our IRWM area (South Coast, San Antonio/Santa Ynez, and Santa Maria watersheds) and having no association with submitted projects. The subcommittee evaluated, scored, and ranked the projects based on eligibility, competitiveness, the Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan objectives and State solicitation guidelines. Following one round of appeals, the final project list was presented to and approved by the Cooperating Partners at a public meeting in July. The three projects selected for the application are:

- 1) Regional Supply Pipeline: City of Santa Barbara and Montecito Water District
- 2) Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Irrigation Pump Station Rehabilitation: City of Guadalupe (utilizing Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funds)
- 3) Recycled Water Distribution for Waller Park: Laguna County Sanitation District

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.

As authorized by the Water Agency Board of Directors 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 MOU and sub-grant agreements between the Water Agency and project proponents, the Water Agency functions as a pass-through agency between the State and proponents. 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 project proponent. Project proponents are then reimbursed once funding is received from the State.

On behalf of the Cooperating Partners, the Water Agency has previously applied for and been granted approximately \$32 million in funding for 27 water related plans and projects within the County. These grants included approximately \$25 million for 14 regional water projects through Proposition 50, a \$555,000 Proposition 84 Planning Grant part of which used for the 2013 update of the IRWM Plan, \$3 million for seven regional water projects through Proposition 84, Round 1, and \$2.1 million through the Proposition 84 Drought Round.

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.

On May 3, 2016, the Board authorized the Water Agency to pursue IRWM funding through Proposition

1. The Santa Barbara County IRWM region has been allocated a total of \$865,207 for the Disadvantaged Community Involvement grant round and \$6.3 million for Project Implementation round funding, of which there will be two rounds. Implementation Round 2 project solicitation is expected to be released by DWR in 2021.

On February 26, 2019, the Board approved the updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Water Agency and IRWM Cooperating Partners and the 2019 IRWM Plan Update, submitted to DWR in August, 2019, which 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

| Funding Sources | Current FY Cost: | Annualized On-going Cost: | Total Project Cost |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Water Agency funds | \$ 76,736.00 | | |
| Cooperating Partners Fees | \$ 76,736.00 | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 153,472.00 | \$ - | \$ - |

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The costs associated with administration of the IRWM Program, including staff time are included in the adopted FY 2019-20 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-305 in the budget book. The Water Agency has contracted with Dudek, a local consultant, in the amount of \$65,600 to prepare the application materials. All costs incurred as part of the application process will be invoiced to each project proponent proportional to their individual grant award.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a copy of the resolution and minute order of these actions to the Water Agency office: Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution to Support the Grant Proposal for Proposition 1, Implementation Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant

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