



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Water Agency  
Department No.: 054-04-07  
For Agenda Of: 04/28/09  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Water Agency

**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director , 568-3010  
Director  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** **MOU to Pursue Funding Opportunities through Proposition 84 for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) on Behalf of Regional Participants, All Supervisorial Districts**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: yes

**Other Concurrence:** yes

As to form: Risk Management

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: yes

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Directors:

Approve and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with various agencies (Cities, Special Districts, Water companies, and Joint Powers Entities) to develop and submit the Regional Acceptance Process (RAP) application as the required initial step in pursuing Proposition 84 funding.

**Summary Text:**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) administers Proposition 84 which provides for grant funding of a variety of water related projects in accordance with an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The initial step in applying for funding is to define and apply for acceptance of IRWM regions based on water and watershed related criteria. Santa Barbara County entities and surrounding County representatives are in agreement that the logical regional divisions would include Santa Barbara County as an IRWM Region as was the case for the proceeding Proposition 50.

The Board action requested herein will approve an MOU for the Water Agency to receive funds from participating parties for consultants to assist with development and submission of the required RAP application. In addition, the MOU will allow for the subsequent modification of the existing IRWMP as needed for Proposition 84.

**Background:** The Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program is a competitive grant program first created under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). With your Boards’ approval, the Water Agency acted as lead agency and Grantee for Proposition 50, through which 14 water projects within Santa Barbara County were awarded \$25 million. Proposition 50 is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Continuing funding is provided by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) which authorizes \$5.388 billion in general obligation bonds to fund safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, and water conservation efforts.

Proposition 84 is administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and awards funds to local public agencies for projects and programs, consistent with an IRWM Plan to improve water supply reliability and improve and protect water quality. The initial funding regions designated by DWR coincide with Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) boundaries which extend from the Monterey Peninsula to Ventura County. Due to the diverse nature of water resources and needs within that area, Proposition 84 Guidelines allow for the definition of “sub-regions” within which water management interests are shared. Santa Barbara County representatives and the surrounding County representatives agree that, as for Proposition 50, County lines are the most logical boundaries.

DWR requires that entities from each proposed region submit an application for acceptance as a Proposition 84 region. The RAP Guidelines were released March 11, 2009. The Board action requested herein will allow the Water Agency to coordinate the RAP effort and hire consultants to assist with the application as well as modification of the existing IRWMP as needed. DWR has not yet released guidelines for the IRWM Plan, the selection of projects, or for the competitive funding process. However, it is assumed that the process will be similar to that for Proposition 50 and modification of the existing IRWMP is anticipated.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Participants	\$ 20,000.00		
Water Agency	\$ 20,000.00		
Total	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Proposition 84 process was not included in this year's budget. However, funding is available through this current year's appropriation since other projects came in under budget.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**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.

**Attachments:**

Copy of MOU

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**cc:**