



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: 09/22/09  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
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(s)  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**SUBJECT: Agreement to Provide Project Selection Process Consulting Services as Part of Proposition 84 Grant Application Process**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with CH2MHILL (not a local vendor) for consulting services for the project selection process for the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) for the period of September 22, 2009 through August 1, 2010, in the amount not to exceed \$66,840, and
- b) Authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$10,026 with CH2MHILL for additional work that may be needed to complete work for the project.

**Summary Text:**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) administers Proposition 84 which provides for competitive grant funding of a variety of water related projects in accordance with an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan. In selecting the regions for funding, DWR will consider a comprehensive set of criteria pertaining to the projects included in the IRWM Plan and Proposition 84 application. The local government agencies, special districts, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) participating in the Santa Barbara County Region Proposition 84 process have determined that the comprehensive and recognized project selection process proposed by CH2MHILL is the optimal way to produce a fair and unbiased set of regional projects that will fulfill the requirements of the Proposition 84 guidelines. The Proposition 84 Cooperating Partners voted to accept the Steering Committee recommendation to retain

CH2MHill to provide the tools and leadership to conduct a recognized, unbiased, objective process to select projects for inclusion in the Proposition 84 application. CH2MHill has a long history of involvement with the Santa Barbara County IRWM process including producing the existing IRWM plan for proposition 50 and the Regional Acceptance Process Application for Proposition 84. Staff also recommends executing an agreement with CH2MHILL for services to conduct the project selection process 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 the 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. The Water Agency Board of Directors approved the MOU to pursue funding opportunities through Proposition 84 on behalf of all regional participants on April 28, 2009. The process is conducted, and decisions are made by, representatives from the local government agencies, special districts, and NGOs that comprise the MOU signatories. Recommendations are made by a sub-group of the Cooperating Partners working as the Steering Committee.

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 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan to improve water supply reliability and improve and protect water quality. As required by DWR, Santa Barbara County applied for approval as a region defined by County boundaries and has been tentatively accepted as a region. A final determination is expected next month.

Although the release date for official Proposition 84 guidelines is not yet finalized, guidelines are anticipated by the beginning of 2010. DWR has made it clear that the proposed projects selected for inclusion in the application will be of significant weight in determining which regions are awarded funding. The Proposition 84 legislation emphasizes specific elements and concepts for projects included in the IRWM plan and application including the following:

- 1) Reduced water demand
- 2) Increased water supply for beneficial uses
- 3) Improved operational efficiency
- 4) Improved water quality
- 5) Improved resource stewardship
- 6) Improved flood management
- 7) Water supply reliability

- 8) Outreach and inclusion of Disadvantage Communities and Non-governmental agencies
- 9) Resolution of water related conflicts
- 10) Watershed protection and management
- 11) Ecosystem restoration and protection

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Participants	\$ 38,433.00		
Water Agency	\$ 38,433.00		
Total	\$ 76,866.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Costs for this project was included in the adopted 2009/10 budget under the Water Agency cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-344 in the budget book. Funding for this project will be cost shared 50/50 between the participants and the Water Agency as provided for in the MOU for Prop 84 that was approved by the Board on April 28, 2009.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two signed originals of the agreement with CH2MHILL and a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez

**Attachments:** Agreement with CH2MHILL (3 originals)

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**cc:**