



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works/Water
Agency
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: October 16, 2018
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Time: 30 minutes on
November 6, 2018
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
Board of Directors, Water Agency

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

SUBJECT: Set Hearing on the Santa Barbara County-wide Integrated Storm Water Resource 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:

That the Board, acting jointly as the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors:

Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding the Santa Barbara County-wide Integrated Storm Water Resource Plan (FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ESTIMATED TIME: 30 MINUTES).

- a) Receive and file the Santa Barbara County-wide Integrated Storm Water Resource Plan;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Department to submit the Storm Water Resource Plan to the State Water Resources Control Board; and
- c) Determine that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), organizational or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to receive and file the Santa Barbara County-wide Integrated Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP), and complete the terms of the Grant Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board, as authorized by your Board on July 18, 2017. The SWRP (Attachment A) is included in this Board letter package.

The SWRP was developed to identify and prioritize stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects that provide multiple benefits, including to water quality, water supply, flood management, environment, and community. Projects identified in the SWRP will be able to qualify for State grant funding. The SWRP was developed in a collaboration between the County Water Agency and eight Cooperating Entities (City of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Solvang, Carpinteria Valley Water District, Montecito Water District, and the University of California at Santa Barbara).

The SWRP includes the following:

- Review of relevant reports and existing data
- Identification and prioritization of potential multi-benefit watershed-based projects based on five benefit categories: water quality, water supply, flood management, environmental, and community benefits.
- Ranking of projects based on transparent quantitative scoring criteria
- Implementation strategy and schedule

To satisfy the Proposition 1 Stormwater Grants Program funding eligibility requirements, the SWRP will be submitted to the Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Group for adoption into the County IRWM Plan.

Background:

To provide a funding source for planning and implementation of watershed-based stormwater solutions, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act (Proposition 1) was approved on November 4, 2014 to provide funding from the State's Storm Water Grant Program for matching grants to public agencies (among other stakeholders) to implement multi-benefit stormwater management projects in California. Prior to the passage of Proposition 1, Senate Bill 985, the Stormwater Resource Planning Act, was adopted to amend the Water Code to require the development of a SWRP in order to receive grants for stormwater and dry weather capture projects from a bond act approved after January 1, 2014.

On June 30, 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board awarded a Proposition 1 Stormwater Planning Grant to the County of Santa Barbara for preparation of the SWRP. On July 18, 2017, your Board adopted Resolution 17-156 accepting the Grant and authorizing Public Works to undertake all the activities necessary to develop the SWRP, and authorizing a contract with Geosyntec Consultants to prepare the SWRP. Your Board also approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Cooperating Entities for preparation of the SWRP.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
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| DWR Grant Funds | | | \$ 462,830.00 |
| Water Agency Funds (includes pre-grant matching funds) | | | \$ 325,430.00 |
| Cooperating Entity Funds (includes pre-grant matching funds) | | | \$ 203,536.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 991,796.00 |
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Narrative:

The \$462,830 grant required a local match of \$462,909. Qualifying match expenditures reported here include all stormwater-related expenditures from November 1, 2014 (the date of voter approval of the Proposition 1 Water Bond measure) through June 30, 2018.

The Water Agency Funds includes Project Clean Water costs for qualifying projects conducted prior to the grant, as well as Water Agency staff time for managing the grant and preparing the SWRP. The Cooperating Entity Funding total includes all match-qualifying expenditures, pre- and post-grant, that have been allocated to the Grant Agreement from the eight Cooperating Entities. Note that based on these qualifying expenditures from both the Water Agency and the Cooperating Entities, the match total (\$528,966) exceeds the match requirement of the contract (\$462,909).

The revenue from the grant and the expenditure for the consultant costs were included in the adopted FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 budgets in the Water Resources Division in the Public Works Department.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Water Agency:
 Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Santa Barbara County-wide Integrated Storm Water Resource Plan

Authored by:

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