



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Water Agency/PW  
Department No.: 054-04-07  
For Agenda Of: 12/11/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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

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

**SUBJECT: Resolution to Authorize Submittal of Proposition 50 Grant Application**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors/Directors:

- a) Adopt the attached resolution entitled "Authorization to Submit a Proposition 50 Round 2 Grant Application" for priority projects in the Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP);
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file a Proposition 50 Round 2 Step 2 application, and negotiate a grant agreement with DWR or SWRCB; and
- c) If DWR or SWRCB awards a Proposition 50 Round 2 Grant, direct the Public Works Director to report back to this Board for final approval and execution of a grant agreement with the State, along with all applicable subordinate agreements with the appropriate partners.

**Summary Text:**

The State's Proposition 50 grant program guidelines require a grantee's governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing the grantee to submit a grant application and, if successful, negotiate an agreement with the State.

The County Water Agency is working with cities, special districts, water companies, and joint powers authorities across Santa Barbara County to prepare and submit a Proposition 50 grant application by the State's deadline of January 15, 2008. Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved by the Board on October 23, 2007, the County Water Agency has a lead role in development of the Proposition 50 grant application. By approving the attached resolution, the Board is authorizing the Water Agency to submit the grant application on behalf of other agencies and districts and to negotiate with the State on terms of agreement if the application is successful. To actually receive funding, the County will need agreements with each local agency receiving funding and to enter into formal agreement with the State for grant implementation and administration. The Water Agency will seek the Board's approval for any such agreements with local agencies and with the State.

**Background:**

Pursuant to the *Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002* (Water Code Section 79560 *et seq.*), the State of California issued its *Proposition 50 Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program Guidelines* (June 2007). The *Guidelines* require a grant applicant to provide the State with a resolution adopted by the grantee's governing body designating an authorized representative to submit the application and execute an agreement with the State of California for an IRWM implementation grant.

Since September 2006, the County Water Agency has been working with a County-wide group of cities, special districts, water companies, and joint powers authorities to prepare first an IRWM Plan (completed in May 2007) and now a grant application under the State's Proposition 50 Round 2 grant program. The IRWMP contained roughly 100 projects that would address one or more regional objectives. The 29 agencies who cooperated in preparation of the IRWMP selected 14 projects to submit to the State for up to \$25 million in funding in Round 2.

The Round 2 grant application process is a 2-step process, through which the County Water Agency submitted a Step 1 application on July 31, 2007, and intends to submit a Step 2 application by the State's deadline of January 15, 2008. Because the County Water Agency is playing a lead role in development of the Step 2 grant application, the State looks to the County Board of Supervisors to authorize the Water Agency to submit the grant application on behalf of other agencies and districts and to negotiate with the State on the terms of the grant agreement. Both the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and/or the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) are managing the State process; their Proposition 50 *Guidelines* provide an "example resolution" upon which the attached resolution is based.

If the State approves the Step 2 application and awards a Proposition 50 Round 2 implementation grant to the Santa Barbara County region, then a subsequent step will be for the County to enter into formal agreement with DWR and/or SWRCB for grant administration and for project implementation by those agencies whose projects were included in the grant application. The Board of Supervisors' would need to approve any such agreement and related agreements with the local agencies receiving funding.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Partners (per MOU)	\$ 352,857.00		
County Water Agency	\$ 19,963.00		
Total	\$ 372,820.00	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

A budget revision was approved by the Board on October 23, 2007 to release designations from the Water Agency and to accept unanticipated revenue from the partners to pay for the consultant to develop and submit a Proposition 50 grant application to the State. There are no additional costs associated with submitting the application.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution and a certified copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

**Attachments:**

Resolution entitled “Authorization to Submit a Proposition 50 Round 2 Grant Application”.

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