



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Agricultural  
Commissioner's Office  
Department No.: 051  
For Agenda Of: May 5, 2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director William D. Gillette (805) 681-5600  
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**SUBJECT: Adopt MOU to Participate in the Statewide Prop 84 Process and Revise the Area-wide IRWMP in Santa Barbara County**

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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:**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Agricultural Commissioner to participate in, and make a financial contribution toward, the process established pursuant to The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act (also known as Proposition 84) and further develop a comprehensive County-wide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

**Summary Text:**

Participation in the Proposition 84 IRWMP process requires a modification to previous agreements and commitments made by some of the Cooperating Partners between 2006 and 2008, including an MOU for initial preparation of the IRWMP (July 2006) and an MOU for pursuing Proposition 50 implementation grant funding (October 2007). This MOU supersedes elements of the October 2007 MOU pertaining to Proposition 84.

Approval is requested to allow the Agricultural Commissioner to participate in the Proposition 84 IRWMP grant process, which will allow the Agricultural Commissioner to seek additional funding for its Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project.

**Background:**

Participation in this process will allow the Agricultural Commissioner to seek additional funding to conduct a tamarisk and arundo removal project on the Santa Ynez River for the conservation of habitat, water quality, and water quantity, and protection of infrastructure.

California’s Prop 84 grant program builds on a previous program (Proposition 50) managed jointly by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to promote integrated assessment and planning for both water quantity and water quality issues, especially on a hydrologic or watershed basis.

Santa Barbara County-wide interests successfully prepared an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan pursuant to Proposition 50 guidelines and successfully sought grant funding to implement key projects included in that plan.

Depending on the schedule for Implementation Grants, revising the current County-wide IRWMP may be necessary to conform to differences between the Proposition 50 guidelines and the future Proposition 84 guidelines. These revisions may range from revising the discussion of projects in the IRWMP to revisions necessary to incorporate new elements pursuant to future guidelines promulgated by the State.

This MOU for approval by the Board reiterates the principles and scope of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; establishes a cost schedule for participation by cooperating partners; identifies the roles and responsibilities of the cooperating partners; establishes the ground rules for a steering committee; and establishes other common aspects of MOUs.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

General Fund					
State			\$		465,000.00
Federal					
Fees					
Other:					
Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 465,000.00

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Narrative:

Subcontractors will be used to provide the majority of the work to conduct this project. This funding will reimburse the department for costs associated with this project over a four-year period.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a minute order and a copy of the Resolution to the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

**Attachments:**

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**Authored by:**

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