

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Public Works Director

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SUBJECT: Authorize the Public Works Director to enter into Assistance Agreements with the United States Department of Reclamation to Accept Grant Funding

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to enter into Assistance Agreements and all other subsequent agreements or amendments with the United States Department of Reclamation (Reclamation) to accept grant funding for the following projects:

1. Santa Barbara County Landscape Water Budget Project (Grant 05FG210004) in the amount of \$90,000;
2. X-Ray Processor Rebate Project (Grant 05FG210007) in the amount of \$34,760; and
3. Santa Maria Sustainable Garden Renovation Project (Grant 05FG210005) in the amount of \$5,000.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations align with Goal No. 5: Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Because the County is served by two Federal water supply projects (Twitchell and Cachuma Reservoirs) the County, through its Water Agency, has established a close working relationship with Reclamation to develop and implement water efficiency and drought planning programs. Reclamation has supported these programs through grants that defray both county and local water purveyor costs.

Water Agency staff sought and received additional grants for three program element in FY 05-06:

1. Santa Barbara County Landscape Water Budget Project (Grant 05FG210004) in the amount of \$90,000;
2. X-Ray Processor Rebate Project (Grant 05FG210007) in the amount of \$34,760; and
3. Santa Maria Sustainable Garden Renovation Project (Grant 05FG210005) in the amount of \$5,000.

The revenue and expenditures for these grants were included in the FY 05-06 budget approved by your Board in June, but have not been approved pursuant to the process for authorizing new grants. Thus staff is returning for your approval at this time.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Water efficiency programs are mandated for most large water suppliers (such as the Cachuma Member Units and City of Santa Maria) and are required as part of the Cachuma Project Contract with Reclamation. The County and the larger local water purveyors have implemented water efficiency programs for many years and are constantly looking for new opportunities to help water-users. These grants would assist local water districts and the County to maintain and enhance the current high level of water use efficiency throughout the region.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding from these grants were included in the Adopted 2005-06 Budget under the Water Agency Cost Center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as identified on page D-326 in the budget book.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of this action to the Flood Control attn: Christina Lopez.