



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: 01/17/12  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Water Quality Grant Applications, All Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Project Clean Water Manager or designee to seek and apply for water quality project and program grants from federal or state government agencies or other funding entities during FY2011-2012; and
  
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(4) (creation of government funding mechanisms) and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached CEQA Notice of Exemption (POST).

**Summary Text:**

Since the inception of Santa Barbara County's Project Clean Water Program in 1999, the Water Resources Division has periodically obtained water quality and storm water management project grants from federal and state agencies. Funding through such grants has been an essential element in providing projects and programs to protect public health and to enhance environmental quality in Santa Barbara County watersheds and beaches. However, the time allowed for submission of applications for such grants is often too short to allow for prior Board approval and coordination with cooperating agencies. Board approval to apply for available grants would ensure that the opportunity to secure funds for clean water programs from non-general fund sources is fully taken advantage of. Upon being awarded any such grants, the Water Resources Division will obtain Board approval prior to accepting grant funds.

**Background:**

There is an ongoing need for continued and strengthened water pollution prevention and awareness due to public health concerns and the need to meet increasingly rigorous Clean Water Act requirements. In addition, budgetary constraints make it necessary to seek non-general fund sources of revenue to support Project Clean Water. The Water Resources Division applies for grants from federal and state agencies as a way of implementing the County’s storm water management program and leveraging limited County resources.

Grant solicitations are often issued with a very short time period for submitting applications. The time frame often does not allow for the Water Resources Division to obtain Board approval prior to applying. Recommended action (a) above would allow the Water Resources Division to apply for appropriate water quality and storm water management grants through this authority. Staff would return to the Board for final approval and acceptance of funds if awarded to the Water Resources Division.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**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			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

Water pollution prevention and awareness is an ongoing program in the Water Resources Division. However, potential grant funding was not included in the current budget so if grant funding is received, the Water Resources Division will return to the Board to accept the funding.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to post the attached CEQA Notice of Exemption and to send copies of the NOE and minute order these actions to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

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