



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** PW/Flood Control  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** July 16, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
**FROM:** Department Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** Adopt the Resolution Approving the Grant Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Regional Sediment Management and Resiliency Project, All Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and adopt the Resolution titled Approving the Grant of Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Regional Sediment Management and Resiliency Project to hereby:
  - i. Approve the filing of an application for funding by the State Coastal Conservancy and to commit the Flood Control District to the financial and legal obligations associated with receiving funding under the State Coastal Conservancy grants program.
  - ii. Confirm the Flood Control District has or will have sufficient funds to complete the project.
  - iii. Agree to provide any funds beyond the State Coastal Conservancy grant funds necessary to complete the project.
  - iv. Authorize any of the following positions: Public Works Director, Deputy Director – Flood Control District, Deputy Director – Finance Administration, Environmental Manager, and Accounting Manager to act as a representative of the Applicant and to negotiate and execute

on behalf of the grantee all agreements, amendments, and instruments necessary to comply with the State Coastal Conservancy's grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement; and

- b) Determine that these actions are related to government funding mechanisms, organizational and administrative functions of government that will not result in changes in the environment, and therefore the action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to adopt a Resolution titled Approving the Grant of Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) for the Regional Sediment Management and Resiliency Project (Attachment A) to approve the filing of an application for funding by Conservancy, to commit the Flood Control District (District) to the financial and legal obligations associated with receiving funding under the Conservancy grants, and to authorize certain Public Works personnel to act as representatives of the District giving certain authorities as listed in the recommended actions.

In February 2024, the District submitted a preliminary grant proposal to the Conservancy for the proposed Regional Sediment Management and Resiliency project. In April the Conservancy approved the District’s proposal. The Conservancy requires a recipient organization must pass a formal resolution that agrees to accept Conservancy grant funds and identifies the positions in the organization that are authorized to negotiate and execute grant agreements. The attached Resolution addresses this next step in filing, processing, and administering the Conservancy grant.

**Background:**

In February 2024, the District submitted a preliminary grant proposal to the Conservancy, describing the proposed Regional Sediment Management and Resiliency project. The project proposes a multi-pronged approach to re-assess the County’s approach to beach nourishment, living shorelines, and flood control response by integrating community outreach, watershed processes, and nature-based solutions for coastal resiliency. With support from the Conservancy, the project includes planning, research, feasibility analysis, and community outreach to develop regional management recommendations, strategies, and environmental compliance documents relating to debris, sediment, and beach nourishment. The project addresses the need for integrated regional sediment management and sea level rise adaptation projects involving watershed-based solutions, improved baseline natural resources condition monitoring, flood protection, and opportunities for regional living shoreline projects. The grant proposal requested \$1.2 million from the Conservancy. The District will be the administrator of the grant and recipient of funds from the Conservancy with allocations made to reimburse staff time and consultant services.

Upon reviewing the preliminary grant proposal, the Board of the Conservancy approved the District’s proposal on April 18, 2024. The funds would be used to support staff time and consultant services for community outreach efforts, Tribal engagement, research and review, alternatives analysis, feasibility studies, recommendations, and environmental analyses of sediment management and beach operations in Santa Barbara County. The grant proposal does not include a funding request for any constructed infrastructure, facility, operational activity, property acquisition, or any other land- or water-altering activity; the project is a multi-year effort comprised of outreach, research, reporting, and documentation.

The Conservancy's grant requirements indicate that a recipient organization must pass a formal resolution that agrees to accept Conservancy grant funds and identifies the positions in the organization that are authorized to negotiate and execute grant agreements. The attached Resolution addresses this next step in filing, processing, and administering the Conservancy grant. A formal workplan and grant agreement will be prepared by the Conservancy and the District upon adoption of the Resolution. Attachment B has listed the Conservancy's typical grant agreement terms and conditions that we would expect to be included in the grant agreement that the District would execute.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

If any grant funding is awarded, a budget revision request will come to your Board for approval to accept the revenue from the grant and allocate funding for the project. The project manager is coordinating with the Conservancy to develop a budget and work plan. The preliminary project cost is \$2,200,000, with \$1,200,000 contributed by the Conservancy and \$1,000,000 from the Flood Control District's South Coast Flood Zone over the grant term, which begins in the fall of FY 2024-25 and ends in FY 2027-28. The contribution and match amounts are estimates and may change once the budget and work plan are established with the Conservancy.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of the resolution and minute order of these actions to [clopez@countyofsb.org](mailto:clopez@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Resolution titled Approving the Grant of Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Regional Sediment Management and Resiliency Project
- Attachment B: Conservancy's Typical Grant Agreement Terms

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