



County of Santa Barbara X-Agenda Request

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NECESSITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO TAKE ACTION ON A MATTER NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA
(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

To: Board of Directors, Santa Barbara County Water Agency

From: Walter Rubalcava, Interim Deputy Public Works Director

Department: Public Works/Water Agency

Meeting date: November 9, 2021

Subject of Item:

Adopt Resolution to Accept Small Community Drought Relief Program Grant Funds, 4th Supervisorial District

Recommended Board Action:

That the Board of Directors of the Water Agency:

- a) Adopt the resolution entitled "Resolution to Accept the Small Community Drought Relief Grant for the Rolling Hills Emergency Intertie Project" to authorize the Public Works Director or designee, to execute any and all grant agreements, amendments, and subsequent agreements with the California Department of Water Resources to receive Small Community Drought Relief Program grant funding to complete the Emergency Intertie Project; and
- b) Find that the proposed action is related to creation of a government funding and other fiscal activity which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guideline Section 15378(b)(4).


Reason item cannot be placed on future agenda:

Rolling Hills Mutual Water Company (MWC) has historically relied on a groundwater well for the entirety of its water supply. However, earlier this year it experienced a well failure and its residents have relied on trucked water and bottled water for several months. Rolling Hills developed a plan for an emergency connection with Golden State Water Company, and applied for a grant from DWR under the Small Community Drought Relief Program to fund the project. The DWR grant is designed to reimburse the project proponent after construction, but Rolling Hills lacks the funding to initiate the project. Water Agency staff are proposing to use budgeted emergency drought funding to pay initial construction cost of the emergency intertie and accept reimbursement from DWR through the Small Community Drought Relief Program grant. Rolling Hills has signed an indemnification agreement protecting the Water Agency from liability associated with the project.

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Timing is critical to start the construction of the Golden State Water Company Emergency Intertie Project to provide the Rolling Hills community an affordable and reliable water source.

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Signature of Requestor

Interim PW Deputy Director

Title of Requestor

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Signature of Supervisor or County Executive Officer

Mandatory Docketing Requirements:

- ✓ Docket original + 5 copies with the Clerk of the Board
- ✓ E-mail Final X-Agenda Packet w/request form to: BoardLetters@countyofsb.org