



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: March 10, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Lawrence D. Fay, Jr.
Director, Environmental Health Services, 346-8463
SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Public Health Director to Enter into a Grant Agreement for Ocean Water Quality Monitoring & Public Notification Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Resolution authorizing the Public Health Director to enter into a Grant Agreement (Number 14-469-250) with the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$120,000 to provide public beach water quality monitoring and public notification services for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute future agreements with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Public Beach Water Safety Program, if funds are available, as long as the award is within 10% of the previous annual amount and there is no significant change in the scope of work required under the agreement.
- c) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Health Director to enter into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and to authorize the Public Health Director to execute future agreements whenever the funding is available. This Agreement was previously approved by your Board through the Ongoing Grants List when the FY 2014-2015

budget was adopted; however, the Public Health Director is the authorized signatory on file with the State, not the signature of the CEO. The State Water Resources Control Board requires a resolution from the Board of Supervisors authorizing Dr. Wada to sign the grant agreement. Adoption of the resolution will grant the Public Health Director the authority to enter into the agreement for this fiscal year as well as future fiscal years provided the grant amount remains within 10% of the prior year's award.

Background:

The California Health and Safety Code requires public beaches be sampled at least once a week during the period of April 1 – October 31. As a mandated local program, the California Constitution requires that the State reimburse local jurisdictions for the cost of performing this water quality monitoring. The Agreement (Number 14-469-250) is the mechanism by which the State Water Board will reimburse the County for the cost of performing these services.

Risk Assessment:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: Adopting this resolution has no fiscal impact, but will allow PHD to receive reimbursements from the State Water Resources Control Board for water testing performed during FY 14-15.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) original of the Adopted Ordinance and one Certified Minute Order to Public Health. Email PHDCu@sbcphd.org when materials are ready for pick-up.

Attachments:

1. Resolution for Public Beach Safety Grant Agreement
2. State of California Funding Agreement 14-469-250

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