



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Water Agency
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 07/08/14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Water Agency

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director , 568-3010
Director
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SUBJECT: **Adopt a Resolution to Apply for Drought Grant Funds from the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Prop 84 Emergency Drought Funding Round, All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Directors:

- A. Adopt the Resolution entitled "Authorizing a Grant Application for the Prop 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant, Drought Round" authorizing the Public Works Director and his designee to apply for and enter into agreements to accept Drought Grant funding from the California Department of Resources (DWR) IRWM Program (Prop 84); and
- B. Find that the recommended adoption is for the creation of a government funding mechanism and does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 14 CCR 15378 (b) (4) and does not commit the County to any project or course of action which would have significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

On January 17, 2014, Governor Edmond G. Brown declared a Drought State of Emergency in the State of California and on March 1, 2014 the Governor signed Senate Bills SB 103 and SB 104 to assist drought-affected communities. The Governor and Legislature directed DWR to expedite the solicitation and award of \$200 million of the remaining \$472.5 million in Proposition 84 IRWM funding for

emergency drought projects. Of the statewide \$200 million, approximately \$14.8 million is expected to be available to the Central Coast IRWM funding area for the Drought Round.

Pursuant to requirements under the IRWM Program process, the Cooperating Partners evaluate and select projects for submission to DWR for any given round. In the case of this drought funding cycle, there are DWR guidelines for projects eligible to compete for this round. It is expected that the Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board's Emergency Pumping Project and the City of Santa Barbara's Recycled Water Plant Project will be submitted for this round of IRWM Program funding.

DWR administers Proposition 84 which provides for grant funding of a variety of water related projects in accordance with an IRWM Plan. Santa Barbara County's existing IRWM Plan was completed in May of 2007 and revised in 2014.

The Board adoption of the attached resolution will provide the documentation required by DWR authorizing the Water Agency to submit a grant application and to enter into agreements with DWR for an Emergency Drought Grant through Proposition 84 for the Central Coast Region if the grant is awarded.

Background:

As described by DWR, the IRWM program "is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in a region. IRWM crosses jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries; involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups; and attempts to address the issues and differing perspectives of all the entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions."

The Santa Barbara County Partners cooperating in the IRWM process have applied for, and been accepted as, an IRWM region in accordance with DWR's Regional Acceptance Process. In addition, the Santa Barbara County IRWM Partners have, under the leadership of the Water Agency, conducted an extensive evaluation, ranking, and selection of a group of projects to be included in the IRWMP and in an application for Implementation funding through Proposition 84.

The Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program includes a competitive grant program first created under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). With your Boards' approval, the Water Agency acted as lead agency and Grantee for Proposition 50, through which the Agency was awarded a total of \$25 million for 14 projects.

Continuing funding is provided by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) which authorizes \$5.388 billion in general obligation bonds to fund safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, and water conservation efforts.

Proposition 84 is administered by DWR and awards funds to local public agencies for projects and programs, consistent with an IRWM Plan to improve water supply reliability and improve and protect

water quality. Proposition 84 also makes grant funds available to agencies for the purpose of developing new IRWM Plans or revising existing plans.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: yes

Narrative:

The management of the IRWM Program has been an ongoing program in the Water Agency the last several years and staff time is included in FY 14-15 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works on page D-226 in the budget book. However, costs for managing the IRMP program including the drought application process will be split among the Cooperating Partners.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send the following to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.:

- copy of the Resolution
- copy of minute order

Attachments:

Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application for the Prop 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant, Drought Round

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