



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Agricultural
Commissioner
Department No.: 051
For Agenda Of: 11/04/2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: Select_Continued
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department William Gillette, Agricultural Commissioner
Director(s) 681-5600
Contact Info: David Chang, 681-5600

SUBJECT: **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Subgrant Agreement and MOU**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution to:

1. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to enter into a Subgrant Agreement and any amendments to the agreement with the Public Works Director to identify responsibilities and cost of the program.
2. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and any amendments to the MOU with the Public Works Director to specify the duties and financial responsibilities of each party.

Summary Text:

The County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office is initiating a project to survey for and to control the invasive, noxious weeds *Tamarix ramosissima* and *Arundo donax* in the riparian corridor and associated upland areas of the Santa Ynez River. Grant funding for a portion of the cost is available through Proposition 50. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office participated in the preparation of the Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan along with other participants and recipient entities. Of the \$25 million awarded by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), \$100,000 was awarded to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

The Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Agency) is acting as the go-between with the SWRCB and the local recipient entities. The attached resolution allows for the execution of a memorandum of understanding for the administration of the grant program as well as a subagreement between the Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the Agency that provides for the distribution of grant funds to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Background:

In November 2002, the California electorate approved Proposition 50 (the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 et seq), which included \$500 million under Chapter 8 for projects included in an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The IRWMP for Santa Barbara County area was developed by the County Water Agency and all of the interested Project Proponents and has been approved by the State of California to receive \$25,000,000 for the top 14 priority projects. The State of California requires that only one single eligible grant recipient enter into the Grant Agreement with the State of California to receive these monies. The County Water Agency has agreed to enter in to the Grant Agreement with the State of California on behalf of all the Project Proponents.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

General Fund					
State				\$	100,000.00
Federal				\$	100,000.00
Fees					
Other:				\$	63,190.00
Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 263,190.00

Narrative:

Sources for non-state share include \$100,000 from the Federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program; \$59,890 is in-kind from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office; and \$3,300 is an in-lieu mitigation bank from CA Dept of Fish & Game fines contributed to the project.

Special Instructions:

Please send a minute order and copy of the Resolution to Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the Public Works Department

Attachments:

Resolution

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