



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Works/Flood  
Control/Water Agency  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** August 23, 2016  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
Board of Directors, Water Agency  
Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** Approval for Grant Applications for Water Resources Projects for FY 16-17,  
All Supervisorial Districts

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**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 Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Project Clean Water Manager or designee to seek and apply for water quality project and program grants from federal or state government agencies or other funding entities during FY 2016-2017; and
- b) Find that the proposed action is related to creation of a government funding mechanism and other fiscal activities 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 (CEQA) pursuant to Guideline Section 15378 (b)(4).

That the Board of Directors of the Water Agency:

- a) Authorize the Water Agency Manager or designee to seek and apply for water related project and program grants from federal or state government agencies or other funding entities during FY 2016-2017; and

- b) Find that the proposed action is related to creation of a government funding mechanism and other fiscal activities 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 CEQA pursuant to Guideline Section 15378 (b)(4).

That the Board of Directors of the Flood Control District:

- a) Authorize the Engineering Manager or designee to seek and apply for flood control and fish passage projects and program grants from federal or state government agencies or other funding entities during FY 2016-17; and
- b) Find that the proposed action is related to creation of a government funding mechanism and other fiscal activities 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 CEQA pursuant to Guideline Section 15378 (b)(4).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Water Resources Division to apply for grant funding opportunities for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department is comprised of three distinct programs which include Project Clean Water, Water Agency, and the Flood Control District. These programs provide a wide-range of services to the County and on an ongoing basis seek grant funding from federal, state, and other sources to continue to help maintain these services at their current levels.

Since the inception of Santa Barbara County's Project Clean Water Program in 1999, the Water Resources Division has periodically obtained water quality and storm water management project grants from federal and state agencies. Funding through such grants has been an essential element in providing projects and programs to protect public health and to enhance environmental quality in Santa Barbara County watersheds and beaches.

The Water Agency has obtained water conservation project grants for the Santa Barbara County's "Regional Water Efficiency Program" since the 1990's from federal and state agencies. Funding through such grants has been an essential element in providing tools and programs to promote water conservation on a regional scale. In addition, the Water Agency (as the lead agency) on behalf of the cooperating partners for the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP) has applied for several rounds of the Prop 84 IRWMP grant funding that has resulted in bringing in over \$31 million to Santa Barbara County.

The Flood Control District has received several grants over the last several years for a variety of flood control and fish passage projects. Without grant funding some of these projects would not have been financially feasible. Flood Control is requesting the authority to submit grant applications for flood control and fish passage projects. The majority of these projects are included in the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). These projects are approved by the Board as part of the CIP and funding for these projects are also included in the adopted budget.

**Background:**

Grant solicitations are often issued with a very short time period for submitting applications. The time frame often does not allow for the Water Resources Division to obtain Board approval prior to applying. Approval of these recommendations would allow the Water Resources Division to apply for appropriate grants within the time constraints of the granting agencies. Staff would return to the Board for final approval and acceptance of funds if grant funding is awarded.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

These recommendations have no fiscal impacts at this time.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

**Authored by:**

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