



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: February 26, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District
Board of Directors, Water Agency

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update and Memorandum of Understanding, All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the resolution entitled "Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan"; and
- b) Find that the updated Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15306 (Class 6), basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities; and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached Notice of Exemption.

That the Board of Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the updated Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in the Statewide and Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Program with the County Water Agency; and

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

- b) Find that approval and execution of the updated Memorandum of Understanding are activities not constituting a project under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15378(b)(4), fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.
- c) Adopt the resolution entitled “Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan”; and
- d) Find that the updated Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15306 (Class 6), basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities; and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached Notice of Exemption.

That the Board of Directors of the Laguna County Sanitation District:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the updated Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in the Statewide and Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Program with the County Water Agency; and
- b) Find that approval and execution of the updated Memorandum of Understanding are activities not constituting a project under the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, Section 15378(b)(4), fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.
- c) Adopt the resolution entitled “Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan”; and
- d) Find that the updated Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15306 (Class 6), basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities; and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached Notice of Exemption.

That the Board of Directors of the Water Agency:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute the updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Water Agency and the Integrated Regional Water Management Program Cooperating Partners; and
- b) Find that approval and execution of the updated Memorandum of Understanding are activities not constituting a project under the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, Section 15378(b)(4), fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.
- c) Adopt the resolution entitled “Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan”; and

- d) Find that the updated Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15306 (Class 6), basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities; and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached Notice of Exemption.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to adopt the 2019 update to the Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan (Plan) and to approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Water Agency and the Cooperating Partners, which includes the Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Laguna County Sanitation District.

At the Board's direction, beginning in September 2006, the Water Agency worked with a County-wide group of cities, special districts, water companies, joint powers authorities, and non-governmental organizations (Cooperating Partners) to develop the first Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan, which was adopted in 2007. The Plan was updated in 2013 and approved by the Board July 1, 2014, following Program Guidelines adopted by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2012. The 2019 Plan update is needed to meet DWR's current IRWM Plan Standards and Guidelines released in 2016 and to secure eligibility for Implementation Round funding through Proposition 1.

The Plan update includes required elements such as climate change adaptive strategies, groundwater management compliance, revised program preferences and State-wide priorities, and adoption of the Countywide Integrated Storm Water Resource Plan approved by your Board on November 6, 2018. Public workshops were held on April 9, 2018 at the Planning Commission Hearing Room in Santa Barbara and Board of Supervisors Hearing Room in Santa Maria to receive public input to the Plan. The Plan will be submitted to DWR upon acceptance by your Board.

The updated MOU establishes the working criteria between the Water Agency and the Cooperating Partners and replaces the previous MOU adopted December 11, 2012. The language has been revised to remove wording associated with Proposition 84 and to make the document applicable to all IRWM Program activities. The MOU will remain in effect until a new MOU becomes necessary for ongoing coordination of the IRWM Program.

Approval of the MOU will allow the County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Laguna County Sanitation District to remain as Cooperating Partners in the IRWM process. Being a Cooperating Partner is necessary to be eligible for Proposition 1 and future funding for water related projects included in the Plan and will allow each agency to have a vote on project selection.

Background:

The IRWM grant program was created under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) with continuing funding provided by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). The program is administered by DWR to award funds to local public agencies and non-profit organizations for projects and programs to improve water supply reliability and improve and protect water quality. Such projects and programs must be consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan.

As authorized by the Water Agency Board of Directors on December 11, 2007, the Water Agency acts as the single eligible grant recipient responsible for administration of the IRWM grants. In accordance with the MOU and sub-grant agreements between the Water Agency and project proponents, the Water Agency functions as a pass-through agency between the State and proponents. The Water Agency is responsible for organizing and forwarding the required project reporting information to the State and to review and submit claims to the State from each project proponent. Project proponents are then reimbursed once funding is received from the State.

On behalf of the Cooperating Partners, the Water Agency has previously applied for and been granted approximately \$32 million in funding for 27 water related plans and projects within the County. These grants included approximately \$25 million for 14 regional water projects through Proposition 50, a \$555,000 Proposition 84 Planning Grant part of which used for the 2013 update of the IRWM Plan, \$3 million for seven regional water projects through Proposition 84, Round 1, and \$2.1 million through the Proposition 84 Drought Round.

On November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Proposition 1 authorized the appropriation of \$510 million in IRWM funding for Implementation, Planning, and Disadvantaged Community Involvement efforts. On May 3, 2016, the Board authorized the Water Agency to pursue IRWM funding through Proposition 1. The Santa Barbara County IRWM region has been allocated a total of \$865,207 for the Disadvantaged Community Involvement grant round and \$6.3 million for Project Implementation round funding.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
Water Agency funds	\$ 76,736.00		
Cooperating Partners Fees	\$ 76,736.00		
Other:			
Total	\$ 153,472.00	\$ -	\$ -

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The costs associated with the IRWM Program, including the Plan, MOU update, and staff time are included in the adopted FY 2018-19 budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-309 in the budget book. Pursuant to the Memorandum of the Understanding for the IRWM Program, the Cooperating Partners will pay 50% of costs associated with the administration of the program.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send the following documents to the Water Agency office: Attn: Christina Lopez (x3436).

1. Copy of resolution,
2. Copies of stamped NOEs,
3. 2 original of MOU with the Flood Control District,
4. 2 original of MOU with Laguna County, and
5. Copy of minute order.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Attachment B – CEQA NOE for the Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan for County of Santa Barbara

Attachment C – Memorandum of Understanding with Flood Control and Water Conservation District (2 originals)

Attachment D – CEQA NOE for the Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan for the Flood Control District

Attachment E – Memorandum of Understanding with Laguna County Sanitary District (2 originals)

Attachment F – CEQA NOE for the Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan for Laguna Sanitary

Attachment G – Memorandum of Understanding with the Water Agency (copy)

Attachment H - CEQA NOE for the Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan for the Water Agency

Attachment I – 2019 IRWM Plan Executive Summary

Attachment J – 2019 IRWM Plan

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