



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Water Agency
Department No.: 054-04-07
For Agenda Of: 4/13/2010
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
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Proposition 84 Project Management and MOU to update the Integrated Regional Management Plan (IRWMP) and Pursue Funding Opportunities on Behalf of Regional Participants, All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: yes

Other Concurrence: yes

As to form: Risk Management

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with various agencies (Cities, Special Districts, Water companies, Joint Powers Entities, and Non Governmental Organizations) to pursue Proposition 84 funding for water related projects and update the IRWMP as required by Proposition 84 guidelines;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with GEI (not a local vender) in the amount of \$127,114 for the period of April 13, 2010 through September 30, 2011 to provide Project Management services for the Proposition 84 Grant application and IRWMP update; and
- c) Authorize a contingency in the amount of \$12,000 with GEI for additional work that may be needed to complete the project.

Summary Text:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) administers Proposition 84 which provides for grant funding of a variety of water related projects in accordance with an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), Proposition 84.

The Board action requested herein will set the framework of applying for funds under the IRWMP portion of Proposition 84. The proposed MOU provides for inclusion of additional parties to the IRWM process. In addition the proposed MOU will provide for the Water Agency to receive additional funds from participating parties for consultants to assist with development and submission of grant applications and allow for the subsequent modification of the existing IRWMP as required by Proposition 84. As with the Proposition 50 IRWMP process, the County Water Agency would fund 50% of the development of the new IRWMP with the other 50% coming from the cooperating partners listed below.

1. Montecito Water District
2. Summerland Sanitation District
3. City of Goleta
4. City of Lompoc
5. Vandenberg Village Community Services District
6. City of Buellton
7. City of Solvang
8. Santa Ynez Water Conservation District ID1
9. Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
10. City of Santa Maria
11. Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
12. Casmalia Community Services District
13. Cuyama Community Services District
14. Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board
15. Cachuma Conservation and Release Board
16. Central Coast Water Authority
17. Santa Barbara County Flood Control District
18. Carpinteria Valley Water District
19. Carpinteria Sanitary District
20. City of Carpinteria
21. City of Santa Barbara
22. Goleta Water District
23. Goleta Sanitary District
24. Goleta West Sanitary District
25. Laguna Sanitation District

The State requires the various Agencies in the regions to work under one Governance representative. As with Proposition 50, it is proposed that the Water Agency again take the lead in this regard. However, development of an IRWMP, and working with the various agencies in the County requires a dedicated effort that current staff cannot provide, especially in light of on going Management responsibilities under Proposition 50.

GEI was selected to provide project management services in accordance with the attached Scope of Work. GEI has the staff that is qualified to do this work due to the familiarity of staff with the Prop 50 work and the overall IRWMP process. The cooperating agencies have agreed with this selection.

Background:

Preparing and updating an IRWMP is a required process for the various agencies in the County to apply for certain Grant programs. On November 11, 2008, your Board approved and authorized the first MOU for agencies in the County to prepare and IRWMP in anticipation of applying for Proposition 50 funds.

The Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program is a competitive grant program first created under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). With your Board's approval, the Water Agency acted as lead agency and Grantee for Proposition 50, through which 14 water projects within Santa Barbara County were awarded \$25,000,000. Proposition 50 is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

As a continuation of the IRWM, funding will soon be available through 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 the Department of Water Resources (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.

The Board action requested herein will allow for the continued cooperation and funding by a diverse group of entities within the County to select the optimal projects for inclusion in a grant application and revision of the existing IRWMP. The action will provide for the continued engagement of consultants to assist with administrative tasks associated with the IRWM process. The proposed MOU provides for participation by nongovernmental organizations (those non-profit corporations qualified to do business in California in accordance with applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code) which, if qualifying as non-profit, may make non-monetary contributions of time and labor in place of payment. This new MOU updates participants and consultant roles, financial contributions, and expected tasks in accordance with DWR priorities.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Federal				
Participants	\$	69,557.00		
Water Agency	\$	69,557.00		
Total	\$	139,114.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Funding for Prop 84 was not included in the 2009-10 budget. However, other savings from within the Water Agency Budget are available this year that will be used to cover expenditures associated with Prop 84. Prop 84 costs and revenue are included in the proposed 2010-11 budget since this work will continue into next fiscal year.

Costs for this project are shared 50 -50 with the Project Participants as with development of the IRWMP under Prop 50. Future costs for administration of any grant funds awarded will be attributed to the agencies that have projects in the Grant. In addition, while the County Water Agency has provided the lead with developing the IRWMP process, ongoing costs associated with future IRWMP work will need to provide a greater cost share from the agencies that benefit from the Grant process. The Water Agency has not had a project, nor has planned any projects for this IRWMP. If the Water Agency has a project in the future, it would naturally pay a proportional cost. The actual costs split for an IRWMP update in the future will have to be negotiated with the agencies involved at the time.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two originals of the agreement with GEI and a copy of the minute order of this action to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Copy of MOU
Agreement with GEI (3 originals)

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cc: