

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works		(2) MEETING DATE 6/19/2012		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engr. (805) 781-1016	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution to designate the Director of Public Works as the authorized representative to file application and execute agreements for a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.					
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board, acting as the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) approve a resolution designating the Director of Public Works as the authorized representative to both file a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Application for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and execute associated grant agreements with the California Department of Water Resources.					
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) FY 2011/12 Budget		(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A		(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	
(9) BUDGETED? Yes					
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)					
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A			(14) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
(15) LOCATION MAP Attached		(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No		(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date 3/27/12: Item #17	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>					
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 1 - District 5 -					

Reference: 12JUN19-C-16

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer

VIA: Paavo Ogren, Director of Public Works

DATE: 6/19/2012

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution to designate the Director of Public Works as the authorized representative to file application and execute agreements for a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

RECOMMENDATION

It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board, acting as the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) approve a resolution designating the Director of Public Works as the authorized representative to both file a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Application for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and execute associated grant agreements with the California Department of Water Resources.

DISCUSSION

The Local Groundwater Management Assistance (LGA) Act of 2000 (California Water Code (CWC) Section 10795 *et seq.*) was enacted to provide grants of up to \$250,000 for local agencies to conduct groundwater studies or to carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities. The Act gives priority to local agencies that have adopted a groundwater management plan (GMP) and demonstrate collaboration with other agencies in the management of the affected groundwater basin. The State Department of Water Resources (DWR) administers the program.

On March 27, 2012, your Board adopted the Paso Robles Groundwater Basis Plan, and on May 1, 2012, the City of Paso Robles adopted the plan. The GMP documents condition related to groundwater levels and quality in the Basin, and identifies potential measures to protect groundwater resources within the Basin. The scope of work anticipated for the grant application is to prioritize and evaluate those potential measures using the updated computer model for the Basin.

The GMP is being implemented by a Blue Ribbon Committee established by your Board consisting of agencies, groups and individuals overlying the Basin. Development of the grant application and subsequent conduct of work, if the grant is awarded, will be coordinated with this committee.

The attached resolution authorizes the Public Works Director to submit a Local Groundwater Assistance grant application for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and enter into related grant agreements with DWR on behalf of the District. Approval of such a resolution is a requirement of the

LGA grant program. The language contained in the attached resolution is prescribed by the State; consequently it authorizes the Director to not only apply for the grant, but also to “execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.” Work associated with the grant cannot be conducted unless the budget for that item has been previously approved by the Board of Supervisors. Therefore, should a grant be offered by the State, the Director would, prior to signing any grant agreements, bring the budget for the grant work before the Board of Supervisors.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The LGA grant application is being developed in coordination with the Blue Ribbon Committee. Staff has also requested letters of support for the application from the individual agencies, groups and people that make up the Committee. The State agency responsible for reviewing the grant application is DWR.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to legal form and effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Development of the grant application is being funded through the Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget.

Funding for ongoing Paso Robles Groundwater Basin efforts is requested via the annual budgeting process. Should a grant be offered by the State, the budget for the item will be brought before the Board of Supervisors for approval.

RESULTS

Authorizing the Public Works Director of San Luis Obispo County to be the representative to file applications and enter into grant agreements with the California Department of Water Resources for grants allows the District to seek funding for implementation of the GMP. Therefore, approving the resolution will contribute to a safe, healthy, livable, prosperous and well-governed community.

File: CF 500.132.01 Groundwater Study - Paso Robles Management Plan

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Resolution designating the Director of Public Works as the authorized representative to file applications and execute agreements for Local Groundwater Assistance Program Grants
3. Attachment A to Resolution