

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 4/22/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Courtney Howard, Senior Water Resources Engineer (805) 781-1016	
(4) SUBJECT Request to: 1) approve an agreement for professional engineering services with Carollo Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$191,373 for developing the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) expedited drought grant application for multiple projects and related services; 2) authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute reimbursement agreements with agencies implementing the projects in the application; and 3) authorize a budget adjustment in an amount of \$191,373 from Flood Control and Water Conservation District reserves in Fund 1300000000 to fund the IRWM granting efforts. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board, acting as the Board of Supervisors for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District): 1. Approve and execute a Professional Engineering Services Agreement (Agreement), under local emergency drought declaration, with Carollo Engineers, Inc. (Carollo) in an amount not to exceed \$191,373 to develop the San Luis Obispo County Region 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management expedited drought grant application for multiple projects and related services; and 2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute reimbursement agreements in the form approved by County Counsel with agencies that are implementing the projects included in the application; and 3. Authorize a budget adjustment, by a 4/5 th 's vote, in an amount of \$191,373 from Flood Control and Water Conservation District reserves in Fund 1300000000 to fund the IRWM granting efforts.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Flood Control General Fund 1300000000	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$191,373.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(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 type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001392		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314122 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date:	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

Reference: 14APR22-C-10

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Public Works
Courtney Howard, Senior Water Resources Engineer
Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Engineer
VIA: Dean Benedix, Utilities Division Manager
DATE: 4/22/2014

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

IRWM Background

Senate Bill 1672 established the IRWM Act in 2002, intended to promote collaborative, integrated management of water resources. California voters passed a series of propositions, including Proposition 84, thereby establishing and funding efforts under the State's IRWM Program. These authorized Legislature to appropriate grant funds for IRWM projects and to establish eligibility requirements. The IRWM Program is administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Of the total \$1 Billion authorized under Proposition 84, Legislature appropriated \$52 Million to the “Central Coast Funding Area” (CCFA¹) IRWM efforts. San Luis Obispo County IRWM (SLOCo) Region will compete against five IRWM regions for the remaining \$19.7 million CCFA allocation, to be awarded via this drought funding round and a final funding round in 2015.

Drought Response Funding Opportunity

Senate Bill 104 appropriated \$200-million of existing Proposition 84 IRWM grants to be awarded by DWR in an expedited drought relief funding round. This solicitation round seeks projects that:

- Provide immediate regional drought preparedness;
- Increase local water supply reliability and delivery of safe drinking water;
- Assist water suppliers and regions to implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective; and/ or
- Reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by the drought.

DWR published draft expedited drought grant solicitation requirements on April 3, 2014. Grant applications are expected to be due in early July 2014. Participating in this grant opportunity to potentially secure funding to obtain resources that are lacking and needed for the protection of life and property requires expediting local processes.

Local Emergency Declaration

On March 11, 2014, your Board adopted a resolution proclaiming a local emergency due to drought conditions in San Luis Obispo County. Having a local emergency proclamation in place allows the county to respond more promptly to immediate needs and to quickly obtain necessary expertise to apply for this expedited grant funding available for drought relief. Therefore, staff recommends approving the attached contract with Carollo Engineers to develop the application for multiple projects consistent with IRWM processes and grant guidelines. District Staff will return to your Board with the final list of projects, seeking authorization to submit a grant application to DWR as Lead Agency.

The proposed professional services include the following main tasks:

- Preparation of up to five (5) individual project application materials;
- Preparation of overall, cohesive grant application proposal;
- Development of local project solicitation documents;
- Conduct local project solicitation and related public outreach; and
- If awarded, support preparation of Grant Agreement with DWR.

Carollo’s team includes Carollo staff, Gutierrez Consultants, Inc. (Gutierrez), and Dudek, all of whom provide specific expertise in development of such applications and have resources to commit over the coming three months. Carollo led the development of the 2012 Countywide Master Water Report and recent U.S. Bureau of Reclamation grant application related to the Paso Basin Supply Options study, providing significant local water expertise. Both Gutierrez and Dudek have an in-depth understanding of the State’s IRWM requirements and grant process. Dudek supports the SLOCo Region IRWM Plan’s current outreach efforts and knows the current IRWM issues and projects. Gutierrez developed several successful IRWM grant applications that brought in over \$14 million to the SLOCo Region.

¹ The CCFA includes six IRWM regions and spans from Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Regional Water Member Group (RWMG) members participate in IRWM work efforts via regular meetings and focused technical RWMG Working Group meetings. Per the IRWM MOU, the RWMG seeks WRAC input and support at key decision points, such as grant applications. Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board are notified of all IRWM efforts. The State agency responsible for reviewing the Region's IRWM Plan and grant applications is DWR.

This grant application for multiple projects will seek benefits to those communities with the greatest drought impacts and the most competitive projects.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Development of the SLOCo Region's expedited drought grant application for multiple projects is being funded from the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Flood Control and Water Conservation District Reserves. The Reserve balance at this time is \$8,371,716. The attached budget adjustment is therefore within existing funding and necessary in order to expedite grant application efforts. Consistent with past grant applications, staff is recommending that the Director be authorized to enter into reimbursement agreements with agencies implementing the projects selected for the applications. Funding for ongoing IRWM efforts is requested via the annual budgeting process.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended action will provide for the professional engineering services to develop a highly competitive and expedited grant application for multiple projects, seeking funding for high priority drought response water resources implementation efforts identified by the RWMG. Therefore, approving Staff's recommendations will contribute to a safe, healthy, livable, prosperous and well-governed community.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Carollo Agreement for Professional Engineering Services
2. Attachment 1: IRWM MOU
3. Attachment 2: IRWM MOU Signatories