

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 6/16/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Carolyn K. Berg, P.E., Water Resources Staff Engineer (805) 781-5536	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution designating the Director of Public Works, or designee, as the authorized representative to file an application and execute agreements for the 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant. 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) adopt the attached resolution designating the Director of Public Works, or designee, as the authorized representative to file an application and execute agreements for the 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Fund 1300000000	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(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) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
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(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

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DATE: 6/16/2015

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution designating the Director of Public Works, or designee, as the authorized representative to file an application and execute agreements for the 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

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) adopt the attached resolution designating the Director of Public Works, or designee, as the authorized representative to file an application and execute agreements for the 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant.

DISCUSSION

Senate Bill 1672 established the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Act in 2002, to promote collaborative, integrated management of water resources throughout the State. California voters passed a series of propositions, including Proposition 84, funding efforts under the IRWM Program.

Of the total \$1-billion authorized under Proposition 84, the Legislature appropriated \$52-million to the "Central Coast Funding Area" (CCFA¹) IRWM efforts in 2006. This appropriation is made available in portions via grant funding rounds. The San Luis Obispo County IRWM (SLOCo) Region must compete with five other IRWM regions for the funding available to the CCFA. In 2014, SLOCo Region submitted a grant application for an expedited drought relief funding round and was successfully awarded \$6,323,610 (see Attachment "4" for SLOCo Region's IRWM grant successes). Of the original \$52-million available to CCFA, \$4.9-million remains. In May 2015, the State Department of Water Resources published the final guidelines for the 2015 IRWM grant round, making this remaining \$4.9-million available via a competitive process.

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

Project Selection Process

As a regional collaboration, the IRWM efforts are conducted under the auspices of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 23 local agencies, including the Flood Control District, the Cities, the Community Services Districts, the Resource Conservation Districts, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) who support multiple water resource efforts. The Flood Control District is the lead agency under the MOU, and collectively, the agencies are referred to as the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). The MOU for the RWMG is attached to the Resolution.

This grant solicitation round prioritizes implementation projects that yield multiple benefits, improve long-term drought preparedness, address the Human Right to Water Policy (i.e. address clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes), and provide direct water-related benefits to disadvantaged communities². It also prioritizes projects that will start construction implementation by April 1, 2016 and be completed by October 31, 2019.

In April 2015, the RWMG conducted a local IRWM project solicitation and reviewed the submittals to identify an eligible and competitive suite of projects under the criteria stated above. See Attachment "3" for a summary of 16 submittals received. Of those, the four projects listed below were selected and conditionally approved by the RWMG (see Attachment "1"). Each project identified in the following table is discussed in greater detail in Attachment "2."

Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Funding Allocation in Application	Required Funding Match
San Simeon CSD: Wellhead Treatment	\$926,540	\$426,540	\$500,000
Templeton CSD: Upper Salinas River Basin Water Conservation/ Conjunctive Use Project (Atascadero Basin)	\$7,000,000	\$4,113,625	\$2,886,375
Oceano CSD: Leak Detection and Mitigation Plan*	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0**
Oceano CSD: Groundwater Recharge Plan for the Community of Oceano*	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0**
Grant Administration	\$246,851	\$246,851	\$0
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING for SLO Co IRWM Region Drought Grant Application	\$8,323,391	\$4,937,016	\$3,386,375

* *May be combined into one planning study.*

***To seek the funding match waiver available to Disadvantage Communities.*

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The 23 Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) members participate in IRWM work efforts via regular meetings and focused technical RWMG Working Group meetings. The State agency responsible for reviewing the Region's IRWM Plan and grant applications is the Department of Water Resources.

²"Disadvantaged Community" is defined by DWR as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the Statewide annual median household income (PRC §75005 (g)).

This grant funding has the potential to benefit communities within each of the three SLOCo Region's sub-regions: San Simeon, Templeton and Oceano.

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The IRWM program, including the grant application process, is budgeted in the fiscal year 2014-15 Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Fund 1300000000. Sufficient funding exists for this grant application. On May 19, 2015, your Board authorized the Public Works Director to enter into reimbursement agreements with agencies implementing the projects selected for the applications. Staff will include the grant application and administration cost in the grant application, consistent with past applications. Upon award of the grant, staff will return to the Board with any required budget adjustments.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended action will provide for a highly competitive grant application for multiple projects, seeking funding for high priority long-term drought preparedness water resources implementation efforts identified by the RWMG. Therefore, approving the Resolution and recommendations will contribute to a safe, healthy, livable, prosperous and well-governed community.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1. Summary of RWMG Approved Suite of Projects
2. Attachment 2. RWMG Approved Grant Application Suite of Projects Summary Statements
3. Attachment 3. Local Agency Submittals and RWMG Ranking
4. Attachment 4. Summary of IRWM Grants Awarded to SLOCo Region
5. Resolution Designating the Director of Public Works, or Designee, as the Authorized Representative to File an Application and Execute Agreements for the 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grant Program