

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 6/7/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Jill Ogren, Senior Utilities Engineer (805) 781-5263	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a drought buffer water agreement with Avila Beach Community Services District. District 3.			
(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) approve the Drought Buffer Water Agreement with Avila Beach Community Services District.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Contracting Agency	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$10,700.00	(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 type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" 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	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date:	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3			

Reference: 16JUN07-C-1

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Jill Ogren, Senior Utilities Engineer

VIA: Mark Hutchinson, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 6/7/2016

SUBJECT: Request to approve a drought buffer water agreement with Avila Beach Community Services District. District 3.

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) approve the Drought Buffer Water Agreement with Avila Beach Community Services District.

DISCUSSION

The San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) is under contract with the California Department of Water Resources for a 25,000 acre foot per year (AFY) allocation of State Water. Certain local agencies (Subcontractors) have subcontracted with the District for a portion of the District's allocation, and those water service amounts total 4,830 AFY. Due to annual hydrological variability and environmental restrictions in the Sacramento Bay Delta, the delivery of State Water is not 100% reliable. Consequently, most Subcontractors have contracted for an additional amount of the District's allocation in order to firm up the reliability of their water service amounts. These contracts are known as Drought Buffer Agreements, and currently total 4,897 AFY.

The District currently has 15,273 AFY of excess allocation available for Drought Buffer Agreements. Per the attached request, Avila Beach Community Services District (CSD) would like to enter into a Drought Buffer Agreement for 100 AFY to improve the reliability of their existing 100 AFY water service amount. Participating in the Drought Buffer program will help ensure that the CSD will have adequate water even when the State Water deliveries are reduced. This Agreement specifically limits deliveries of Drought Buffer Water to those years when State Water Project deliveries are reduced and prohibits delivering water annually in excess of Subcontractor water service amounts.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement for legal form and effect. The CSD has executed the attached Agreement.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Currently, the Sub contractors are paying 100% of the costs of drought buffer allocations, or an estimated \$107.00 per acre foot per year. Given this current rate, approval of this Agreement would result in an estimated additional tax relief of \$10,700 per year that would otherwise be paid by countywide taxpayers.

RESULTS

Approval of this Agreement will help to ensure the health and safety of water customers of the CSD by increasing the reliability of the water supply. Putting excess allocations of State Water to beneficial use and relieving the tax burden for Countywide taxpayers will also promote a healthy and well-governed community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Drought Buffer Water Agreement
3. State Water Sub-Contractors Water Supply Amounts
4. Letter from Avila Beach Community Services District

File: CF 970.110.01 W/SWP/ABCSD

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