



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works and Parks



Date: January 25, 2013
Board Meeting Date: February 26, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works and Parks

Subject: San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the Governing Board of the County and the County governed special districts, adopt a Resolution:

- A) Adopting the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and
- B) Authorizing the Director of Public Works and Parks, or his designee, to execute and submit all documents, which may be required to submit projects to the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for funding.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2000 California voters have approved multiple bond measures. Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act, was approved in November 2002 and \$380 million of this funding has been devoted to projects that are part of an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan.

Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act, was approved in November 2006, which contains a total of \$5.39 billion for water and natural resource projects and programs. This included \$1 billion for IRWM Plans with \$138 million specifically allocated to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Proposition 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2006, was approved in November 2006. Projects funded by Proposition 1E grant funds must be consistent with (i.e., included in) an IRWM Plan.

Your Board approved an Appropriation Transfer Request on December 11, 2012 in which \$150,000 was allocated to fund work required to submit a project proposal package for Prop. 84 funding to improve the County Service Area No. 11 (Pescadero) water system.

DISCUSSION:

In response to the requirements that projects eligible for funding through Propositions 50, 84, and 1E be consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan, efforts to develop the San Francisco Bay Area IRWM Plan (Bay Area IRWMP) began in 2004. The Bay Area IRWMP is a nine-county effort to coordinate and improve water supply reliability, protect water quality, manage flood protection, maintain public health standards, protect habitat and watershed resources, and enhance the overall health of the bay. In 2006, the Bay Area IRWMP was adopted by many Bay Area agencies and organizations. The County of San Mateo (County) has not adopted the Bay Area IRWMP, but has participated in the process to develop the Bay Area IRWMP. Adoption of the Bay Area IRWMP by the County allows for County projects to be included in the Bay Area IRWMP and considered for grant funding through Propositions 50, 84, and 1E. The grant program guidelines mandate that the governing boards of participating agencies must adopt an IRWM Plan before grant funds can be provided.

Adoption of the Bay Area IRWMP does not entail a direct commitment of resources and is non-binding. Implementation of projects identified in the Bay Area IRWMP is the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners. There is no joint commitment or responsibility by the Bay Area IRWMP participants to implement any or all of the projects. The Bay Area IRWMP can be viewed at: <http://bairwmp.org/plan/bay-area-irwmp-document-1>.

The Department is proceeding with preparation of documents required to submit the "Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project" (Project) for Round 2 of the Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Program for funding consideration. Securing this funding would provide a direct benefit to the County and County Service Area No. 11 customers for upgrades to the water supply system.

In order to complete the Project, or any future projects under Propositions 50, 84 or 1E, the County may be required to submit documents and execute agreements and contracts associated with the projects. This may include submittal of documents to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for ABAG to submit grant applications and manage projects, on behalf of the County and other Bay Area jurisdictions.

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

Adoption of the Resolution will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by enabling the County to qualify for funding to implement projects that would improve water supply reliability, protect water quality manage flood protection, maintain public health standards, protect habitat and watershed resources, and enhance the overall health of the bay.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund in connection with adopting the Bay Area IRWMP. Through the previously approved Appropriation Transfer Request, an amount totaling \$150,000 from the Non-Departmental Services ERAF Reserves has been appropriated for costs associated with performing the work required to apply for Prop. 84 funding for the Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project.