



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: February 7, 2013
Board Meeting Date: April 9, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Dean D. Peterson, P.E., REHS, Director, Environmental Health

Subject: Application and Acceptance of all available Recreational Beach Monitoring Program funds from the California Department of Public Health and the State Water Resources Control Board

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution authorizing:

- A) The County of San Mateo to apply for and accept all available funds from the California Department of Public Health and the State Water Resources Control Board for Recreational Beach Monitoring Programs for Fiscal Years 2013-14 through 2017-18; and
- B) The Chief of the Health System or designee to execute in the name of San Mateo County all necessary applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and all other documents necessary for the purposes of securing grant funds, implementing the approved grant projects, and carrying out the purposes specified in the grant applications for Fiscal Years 2013-14 through 2017-18.

BACKGROUND:

Section 115875 – 115915 of the California Health and Safety Code requires coastal counties to perform beach sampling and public notification on coastal and San Francisco Bay beaches. Environmental Health (EH) collects water samples for the presence of unhealthy levels of bacteria. When bacterial counts exceed State standards, the public is notified by beach postings, website updates and a telephone hotline. The purpose of the public notification is to help reduce and/or prevent the spread of disease. Monitoring standards have been developed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

DISCUSSION:

EH has applied for and received grant funds from the CDPH and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for recreational beach monitoring programs since 1999. Grantees are generally given a three-week turnaround to submit a fully executed contract. To meet this timeline authorization is requested to allow the Chief of the Health System, or designee, to approve all necessary documents. Those documents include applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and all other documents necessary for the purpose of securing grant funds, implementing the approved projects and carrying out the purposes specified in the grant applications we submit.

The Resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and content.

This Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community to ensure basic health and safety and to maintain and enhance the public safety of all residents and visitors by providing funding for beach sampling and public notification on coastal and bay beaches thus preventing adverse health effects to individuals swimming in affected areas. It is anticipated that ocean beaches will be open and safe for recreational uses 99% of the total days in FY 2012-13.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percent of total days that ocean beaches were open for use	98%	99%

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact to approval of the Resolution. Revenue and expenditures associated with the grant will be included in the recommended budgets. There is no Net County Cost.