



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: May 13, 2014
Board Meeting Date: June 17, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors, acting as the Governing Board of the County Governed Special Districts

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Updated 2013 San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the County of San Mateo and the Governing Board of the County governed special districts, adopt a Resolution adopting the updated 2013 San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

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 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2006, was approved in November 2006.

Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act, approved in November 2006, 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. Projects funded by Proposition 50, 1E, and 84 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.

On February 26, 2013, your Board approved adoption of the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Bay Area IRWMP) and authorized the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute and submit all documents, which may be required to submit projects to the Bay Area IRWMP for funding.

DISCUSSION:

The “Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project” (Project), submitted by the Department for grant funding under Round 2 of the Proposition 84 Implementation Grant Program, was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$700,000 on February 14, 2014. Securing this funding will provide a direct benefit to the County and County Service Area No. 11 customers for upgrades to the water supply system. For the Project to receive Bay Area IRWMP grant funds, the governing Board for County Service Area No. 11 must adopt the updated 2013 Bay Area IRWMP.

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) adopted the Bay Area IRWMP on February 26, 2013. The Bay Area IRWMP was updated in October 2013 and submitted to the Department of Water Resources in January 2014. Adoption of the updated 2013 Bay Area IRWMP by the County allows for County projects to be included in the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP and considered for grant funding through Propositions 50, 84, and 1E.

Adoption of the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP does not entail a direct commitment of resources and is non-binding. Implementation of projects identified in the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP is the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners. There is no joint commitment or responsibility by the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP participants to implement any or all of the projects. The 2013 Bay Area IRWMP can be viewed at: <http://bairwmp.org/docs/2013-bairwm-plan-update/2013-final-plan/final-bairwmp-2013>.

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 2013 Bay Area IRWMP.