



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: April 21, 2020

To: The Honorable Moke Simon, Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Scott De Leon, Public Works/Water Resources Director

Subject: (Sitting as the Board of Directors for the Lake County Watershed Protection District) (a) Consideration of “Extra” Agenda item; and (b) Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Lake County Watershed Protection District to Accept Awarded Funds from the California Department of Water Resources 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program Planning Round 3 for the Development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin

Executive Summary: (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

This item is being submitted as an “extra” agenda item. The justification for this request to consider an item not on the posted agenda is as follows:

- The need to take action came to the attention of this department subsequent to the posting of the current agenda.

The Department recently became aware of a deadline for funding requests that if the District can make, funding will be available immediately, whereas if we miss the opportunity, funds won't be available until September, 2020. We became aware of the opportunity subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

- There is a need to take immediate action before the next available agenda.

Time is of the essence to get the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan started, and this funding will allow staff to begin the Request for Proposal process. Money is available now, and considering the current uncertain conditions statewide, we want to obtain this funding now rather than wait until later in the year.

Staff requests that the Board of Supervisors concur that justification exists to consider this for an extra agenda item.

Staff was recently made aware that we were successful in our application for funding for a Planning

Grant for the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin. This funding is being provided by the State of California, Department of Water Resources and the voter approved Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1). Staff was able to secure \$1,392,205 of grant funds through this program for the development of the plan, with zero local cost share.

The proposed Resolution authorizes the Lake County Watershed Protection District to accept these funds. An Agreement with the State will be forthcoming, however this Resolution will help secure the funding in their current allocation.

A copy of the Resolution is attached.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Upgrades |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Generation |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Savings |

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?
How long has Agreement been in place?
When was purchase last rebid?
Reason for request to waive bid?

Recommended Action:

(a) Approve extra item.

(b) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Lake County Watershed Protection District to Accept Awarded Funds from the California Department of Water Resources 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program Planning Round 3 for the Development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin.