



BACWA EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION REQUEST

AGENDA NO.: _____

FILE NO.: File 12,144

MEETING DATE: April 22, 2010

TITLE: Authorize the Executive Director to Submit a \$3.7 million Grant Proposal to DWR for up to six Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan projects.

MOTION _____ RESOLUTION _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the Executive Director to submit a \$3.7 million (DWR) grant proposal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to fund six projects that are part of the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), including a risk reduction project sponsored by BACWA.

SUMMARY

DWR has approximately \$7.4 million in funding from the Proposition 50 IRWM Implementation Grant Program to award to Grantees that successfully competed in the prior grant solicitation and that have either new projects or new phases of existing projects. The Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee that oversees implementation of the Bay Area IRWMP selected six projects to propose for this supplemental funding. These multi-benefit projects were found to align well with IRWMP goals and objectives.

Project	Lead Entity	Grant Amt.*
South Bay Advanced Recycled Water (R.O.) Treatment Plant	SCVWD	\$1,100,000
Regional Green Infrastructure Project	SFEP / ABAG	\$800,000
Bay Area Disadvantaged Communities Watershed Program	SFEP / ABAG	\$650,000
Regional Steelhead Trout Monitoring Program	CEMAR, Inc.	\$370,000
Mercury and PCB Risk Reduction Project	BACWA / DPH	\$300,000
North Marin Recycled Water Project, Phase 2 North	NMWD	\$280,000
Grant Administration (Legal, Acctg, consultant, BACWA staff)	BACWA	\$200,000
TOTAL		\$3,700,000

* Projects are subject to final review of readiness and amounts may be modified if project details change.

FISCAL IMPACT

A minor amount of BACWA staff time may be involved with the filing of the proposal and funds in the amount of less than \$5,000 may be needed for BACWA's share of consultant assistance. If the proposal is successful BACWA would need to commit to cost matching at the grant agreement stage.

DISCUSSION

In 2006, BACWA applied for a \$25 million competitive grant on behalf of twelve Bay Area agencies and in 2007, BACWA was awarded a \$12.5 million grant for fifteen projects. A DWR grant

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agreement and individual implementation agreements or MOUs with project sponsors were entered into to implement the grant.

DWR will award up to \$3.7 million in supplemental Prop 50 grant funding to at least two grantees among a pool of ten that received reduced IRWM funding awards. Amendment of the existing BACWA grant agreement with DWR would be the means of adding projects and proponents to the current grant. If successful, amended or new implementation agreements with each project sponsor would be needed.

On March 22, 2010 the oversight body (Coordinating Committee) for the Bay Area IRWM Plan selected the six projects listed in the above table as the most suitable for the supplemental grant proposal. When the final grant solicitation package is available from DWR each project will undergo final review by a planning committee to confirm its readiness. If any outstanding issues arise during final review, including one or more projects dropping out if all necessary information cannot be assembled by the due date, the grant amounts could be adjusted among projects without changing the \$3.7 million total.

In this supplemental proposal, two proponents (SCVWD, NMWD) are involved with the current grant and two other project proponents (SFEP/ABAG, CEMAR, Inc.) are new to the group of participants. If the proposal is successful, all proponents are aware they would need to provide upfront funding for legal work and other costs to reach an amended DWR grant agreement. Grant funds are paid in arrears and would only be available after the grant agreement is amended.

The proposal proponents may desire to utilize consultant assistance to help with graphics, summary tables, and a PowerPoint presentation required for a DWR interview. Costs on the order of \$20,000 are estimated and would be shared either equally among six projects or on the basis of the grant amounts. BACWA's share of the grant, excluding administration, is 9% and BACWA's share of cost would be less than \$5,000 under either method. SCVWD is willing to utilize one of its consultant contracts to carry out this work and collect the cost shares.

ALTERNATIVES

BACWA's contracting policy does not apply.