

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0044**

AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING FOR THREE CITY OF MT. SHASTA PLANNING AND
DESIGN PROJECTS (PROJECTS)

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Division of Financial Assistance (Division) administers the Small Community Grant (SCG) program to provide grant funding to small disadvantaged communities through "Policy for Implementing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)" (Policy), last amended by the State Water Board on February 17, 2015;
2. The Policy authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to approve and execute planning/design financing agreements for routine, noncontroversial projects;
3. The SCG program has grant funds available through several sources, including Proposition 1;
4. The City of Mt. Shasta (City) is a severely disadvantaged community located in Siskiyou County, California;
5. The City owns and operates the municipal wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and wastewater collection systems;
6. The City is currently discharging waste pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirement Order (WDR) No. R5-2012-0086 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0078051 issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board);
7. The Central Valley Water Board issued the City Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R5-2012-0087 on 4 October 2012. The TSO requires the City to comply with the final effluent limitations for ammonia, copper, zinc, BOD₅, Total Suspended Solids (TSS), and pH levels by 1 June 2017;
8. The City wishes to assess alternative methods for correcting deficiencies in the wastewater treatment plant, wastewater interceptor, and sewers in the downtown area that experience flows exceeding their hydraulic capacity and has applied for SCG funding to complete the planning/design work necessary to correct these deficiencies;
9. The Division is aware of controversy associated with the projects;
10. The cost for the State-mandated WWTP Improvements Plan is expected to be \$200,000. The cost for the Interceptor Sewer Replacement Plan is expected to be \$255,000. The cost for the Downtown Collection System Improvements Plan is expected to be \$245,000. The total cost for all three planning projects is expected to be \$700,000, all of which are anticipated to be funded through Proposition 1 SCG monies;

11. These projects are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as the project scopes involve planning and feasibility studies (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262), and/or data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15306), which will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts; and
12. The scope of work for each project includes the completion of environmental documents consistent with CEQA and CWSRF requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division to execute SCG agreements with the City for the following planning/design projects, consistent with the Policy:

- a. State-Mandated Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvement Project (C-06-8174-110)
- b. Interceptor Sewer Replacement Project (C-06-8229-110)
- c. Downtown Collection System Improvements Project (C-06-8230-110)

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on August 16, 2016.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Steven Moore
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board