

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
PRELIMINARY FUNDING COMMITMENT  
CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) GRANT PROGRAM  
FAAST PIN 29963

**RECIPIENT:** City of Santa Monica (City)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$5,165,638

**PROJECT TITLE:** Santa Monica Clean  
Beaches Project

**TOTAL CBI GRANT REQUEST:** \$3,785,866

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Spencer Joplin, Water  
Resource Control Engineer, 916-341-5636

### **AUTHORITY**

The Clean Beaches Initiative (CBI) Grant Program provides funding for projects that restore and protect the water quality and the environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near shore waters. The CBI Grant Program was initiated in response to the poor water quality and significant exceedances of bacterial indicators revealed by Assembly Bill (AB) 411 monitoring at California's beaches. Funding is available from the *Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act* (Proposition 84). In addition, there are unused or re-appropriated funds remaining from the *California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 40) and the *Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 50).

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2012-0020 on June 5, 2012, which revised the CBI Guidelines used to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants for Proposition 84, Chapter 7 funds, and any unused or re-appropriated Proposition 40 and 50 CBI funds. The Resolution authorized the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to approve proposed projects, execute grant agreements and amendments to implement the proposed projects and utilize funds from projects which are withdrawn or completed under budget to fund additional projects recommended by the Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF), or augment the scope and budget of projects previously awarded.

The City submitted concept proposals for projects similar to this Project to the FAAST system on June 20, 2014. The CBTF met on September 24, 2014, and recommended that a sub-group work with the City to refine its proposals. A revised concept proposal that combined elements of the prior concept proposals was approved and the City was invited to submit a detailed application on December 3, 2014. It was submitted on January 29, 2015, and it has been determined to be complete. This Preliminary Funding Commitment shall be posted on the State Water Board's Internet website, and circulated to the CBTF for review and comment prior to the Deputy Director executing a grant agreement.

### **PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

The primary objective of the Santa Monica Clean Beaches Project (Project) is to improve beach water quality near the Santa Monica Municipal Pier. The Project would install storage tanks adjacent to the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Reuse Facility (SMURRF) along with other needed infrastructure to capture virtually all wet and dry weather flows from the 90-acre Pier Storm drainage area and to capture first flush flows from the Pico-Kenter storm drain. Captured flows will either be treated at the SMURRF or diverted to the sanitary sewer.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Existing infrastructure consists of urban runoff diversions at the Santa Monica Pier outfall and the Pico-Kenter outfall. The diverted water is pumped to the SMURRF, which treats dry weather flows for distribution as recycled water. During wet weather, storm water currently discharges to the ocean. The proposed Project would construct a 1.2-million gallon storage tank near the Santa Monica Pier outfall and a new diversion from the outfall to the sanitary sewer, to allow all flows up to and including the 85-percentile storm event to be either treated at the SMURRF or diverted to the sanitary sewer. An 80,000-gallon storage tank will also be constructed near the Pico-Kenter outfall to capture first flush flows for treatment or diversion. The Project also includes the installation of a portable pump at the Pico-Kenter outfall. After a storm, a pond forms on the beach near the Pico-Kenter outfall. The portable pump will be used to drain the pond after storms before it becomes a nuisance, and to capture the residual storm water for treatment and reuse or diversion to the sewer.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

For this Project, the City filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance with the State Clearinghouse on January 30, 2015. The City contends the Project meets the following exemptions:

**New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303).** Consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

State Water Board staff has reviewed the CEQA NOE and concurs that the project is exempt from CEQA and will not result in any significant effect on the environment.

## FISCAL IMPACT

As of July 1, 2014, the cumulative balance available for the CBI Grant Program, which is funded by Propositions 40, 50, and 84, is:

July 1, 2014	\$40,334,726
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Approved PFCs	\$8,538,709
Draft PFCs (proposed commitments):	\$2,797,358
City of Santa Monica- FFAST PIN 29963:	\$3,785,866
Funds Remaining for Future Commitments:	\$25,212,793

## REGIONAL WATER BOARD IMPACT

The State Water Board's Division of Water Quality and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board support the Project.

## ROUTINE, NON-CONTROVERSIAL PROJECT

The proposed Project is routine and non-controversial based on Division staff's consideration of the documents and information provided by the City, regulatory agencies, and written responses from the general public. There has been no indication of a protest or controversy regarding the proposed Project.

**PUBLIC REVIEW**

The PFC will be posted on the State Water Board's internet website for public review for 10 days.

**APPROVAL**

Using the authority delegated by the State Water Resources Control Board on June 5, 2012, in Resolution No. 2012-0020, I hereby:

Approve a Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program Preliminary Funding Commitment of \$3,785,866 for the Santa Monica Clean Beaches Project.

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Darrin Polhemus, Deputy Director  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance

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Date

Reviewed by:  
Office of Chief Counsel  
Date:

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