

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-0037**

TO AWARD \$25,000 IN PROPOSITION 84 STORMWATER GRANT PROGRAM (SWGP) PLANNING AND MONITORING FUNDS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION (LGC) TO UPDATE THE AHWAHNEE WATER PRINCIPLES GUIDEBOOK.

WHEREAS:

1. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Pub. Resources Code, §75001 et seq.) (Proposition 84) provided the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) with \$90 million for grants for the reduction and prevention of stormwater contamination of rivers, lakes, and streams.
2. Proposition 84 allows up to \$9 million to finance Planning and Monitoring projects necessary for the successful design, selection, and implementation of SWGP projects (Pub. Resources Code § 75072). Approximately \$8,945,000 was awarded to Planning and Monitoring proposals during Round 1, with approximately \$55,000 remaining.
3. The SWGP Guidelines (Guidelines) were adopted by the State Water Board on February 17, 2009 ([Resolution No. 2009-0017](#)) and revised on August 20, 2013 ([Resolution No. 2013-0024](#)). The remaining \$55,000 Planning and Monitoring funds were insufficient to fund another Planning or Monitoring project, and consequently the revised Guidelines allocated remaining Planning and Monitoring funds for use in implementation projects.
4. The Ahwahnee Water Principles Guidebook was developed in 2006 in an effort to engage local governments and water managers in addressing resource-efficient water use at the local level. Changes in stormwater management and permitting, such as the adoption of the Phase II MS4 permit, have opened new opportunities for Low Impact Development and stormwater management that require updates to the Ahwahnee Principles.
5. Following the adoption of the revised Guidelines, the Local Government Commission requested \$25,000 to update the Ahwahnee Principles Guidebook and produce educational materials for relevant stakeholders.
6. The updated Ahwahnee Water Principles Guidebook and related educational material (Project) will provide a valuable resource for water managers in California.
7. The State Water Board is authorized to directly award Proposition 84 SWGP Planning and Monitoring funds, but must waive the revised Guidelines for this Project and use a directed action process in order to do so.
8. State Water Board staff has determined that the Project to update the Ahwahnee Principles Guidebook and produce educational materials is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act requirements [Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning studies] and will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The State Water Board staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse upon adoption of this resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Waives the SWGP Guidelines for this Project and awards \$25,000 of Proposition 84 SWGP Planning and Monitoring funds to the Local Government Commission to update the Ahwahnee Principles Guidebook.

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 December 3, 2013.

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