

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JULY 17, 2012**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSITION 84 STORMWATER GRANT PROGRAM PLANNING AND MONITORING FUNDING LIST

DISCUSSION

The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop 84), was approved by California voters in the general election on November 7, 2006. Prop 84 provides the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) \$90 million for matching grants for the reduction and prevention of stormwater contamination of rivers, lakes, and streams (Pub. Resources Code, § 75050, subd. (m)). After bond and program administration costs, approximately \$82 million is available for grants. In addition, Prop 84 allows up to 10 percent of funds allocated to the Stormwater Grant Program (SWGP) to be used to finance planning and monitoring necessary for the successful design, selection, and implementation of SWGP projects (Pub. Resources Code, § 75072). Therefore, up to \$9 million is available from the SWGP for this purpose.

The State Water Board adopted the SWGP Program Guidelines (Guidelines) on February 17, 2009 ([Resolution No. 2009-0017](#)). The Guidelines established the process by which the State Water Board solicits applications, evaluates proposals, and awards grants.

A total of 42 complete SWGP Planning and Monitoring applications were submitted in the State Water Board's Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST). The State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff coordinated the technical review process based on criteria outlined in the Guidelines. The technical reviews were performed by staff from DFA, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), and the State Water Board's Division of Water Quality. DFA posted the Draft SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List on the website on June 28, 2012.

Of the 42 applications, 18 are being recommended for funding as listed on the SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List ([Exhibit A](#)).

The SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List includes three projects marked with asterisks representing conditional approval. DFA will be working with these three project applicants to refine their scope of work to ensure it addresses the objectives of the SWGP and reviewer comments.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board:

1. Approve the SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List (Exhibit A);
2. Authorize the Deputy Director of DFA to issue grant agreements and amendments to implement projects on the SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List; and
3. Authorize the Deputy Director of DFA to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive.

FISCAL IMPACT

Local Assistance funds authorized by Prop 84 are sufficient to fund the projects. Up to five percent of the funds appropriated under Prop 84 are available to DFA for staff resources to manage the SWGP projects.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes. Projects will be implemented in several regions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should:

1. Approve the SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List (Exhibit A);
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3. Authorize the Deputy Director of DFA to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to implement strategies to fully support the beneficial uses for all 2006 listed water bodies by 2030. In particular, approval of this item will: (1) address Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and (2) manage urban runoff to reduce pollutant loadings.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-

ADOPTING THE PROPOSITION 84 STORMWATER GRANT PROGRAM (SWGP) PLANNING AND MONITORING FUNDING LIST

WHEREAS:

1. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop 84) provides the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) \$90 million for grants for the reduction and prevention of stormwater contamination of rivers, lakes, and streams. After bond and program administration costs, approximately \$82 million is available for grants;
2. Prop 84 allows up to 10 percent of funds allocated to the SWGP to be used to finance planning and monitoring necessary for the successful design, selection, and implementation of SWGP projects (§ 75072). Therefore, up to \$9 million is available from the SWGP for this purpose;
3. The SWGP Guidelines (Guidelines) were adopted by the State Water Board on February 17, 2009 ([Resolution No. 2009-0017](#));
4. Division of Financial Assistance (Division) staff coordinated the technical review process based on criteria outlined in the Guidelines;
5. Technical reviews were performed by staff from the Division and Division of Water Quality, as well as Regional Water Quality Control Board staff; and
6. The Draft SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List was posted on the State Water Resources Control Board's website on June 28, 2012.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approve the SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List ([Exhibit A](#));
2. Authorize the Deputy Director of the Division to issue grant agreements and amendments to implement projects on the SWGP Planning and Monitoring Funding List; and

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3. Authorize the Deputy Director of the Division to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive.

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 Board held on July 17, 2012.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board