

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE: July 25, 2012

ATTENTION: Natural Resources & Culture Committee

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Storm Water Department

SUBJECT: Accept, Appropriate & Expend Proposition 84 Grants
Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Funds

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Zapf (6)

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REQUESTED ACTION: Accept, Appropriate & Expend California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Funding. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to take the necessary actions to establish funds and appropriate grant funding according to the approved grant program, contingent upon a fully executed grant agreement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND: In 2006, the voters approved Proposition 84, which included \$1 billion for Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWM) efforts, of which \$91 million was allocated to the San Diego sub-region. San Diego's IRWM Program is an interdisciplinary effort by water retailers, wastewater agencies, storm water and flood managers, watershed groups, the business community, tribes, agriculture, and non-profit stakeholders to improve water resources planning in the San Diego IRWM region. The San Diego IRWM Program is led by the San Diego Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) – which consists of the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA), the City of San Diego (City), and the County of San Diego (County). The combined jurisdiction of the CWA, the City, and the County comprises the entire region, and their combined responsibilities address all facets of water management.

In late 2006 a San Diego Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) was formed to assist in developing the San Diego IRWM Plan. The RAC consists of 32 members from governmental and non-governmental stakeholders who are involved in the various aspects of water management throughout the San Diego Region. The RWMG under the direction of the RAC and with active stakeholder developed the IRWM Plan. This plan describes the strategies, coordination and integration of water management planning activities occurring within a region to improve and maintain the reliability of the region's water supply, and considers water supplies, water quality, and natural resources within the region. The plan also sets forth the policies and criteria for selecting locally sponsored projects which promote the objectives of the IRWM Plan for State bond funding. On June 13th, 2005 the City Council adopted resolution R-300517 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CWA and the County to form the RWMG, and to apply for IRWM funding pursuant to the

adoption of the IRWM Plan. On December 18, 2007 City Council adopted resolution R-303237 adopting the San Diego IRWM Plan.

The Transportation & Storm Water Department (T&SWD) has prepared a grant project proposal for the Bannock Avenue Streetscape Enhancements Project which was approved for \$650,000 of Proposition 84 funding by the IRWM RAC. Subsequent to the Memorandum of Understanding with the CWA (RR-300517), the CWA acts as the local grant administrator and may retain up to 3% of funds granted for grant administration costs, which leaves the remaining \$630,500 available for the City's project implementation costs.

The goal of the Bannock Avenue Neighborhood Streetscape Enhancements for Tecolote Creek Watershed Protection Project is to reduce the pollutant load and volume of runoff entering the storm drain system in the Tecolote Creek Watershed. This project will enhance the surrounding residential area by integrating low impact development (LID) type storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce storm water pollutant loads, primarily indicator bacteria, and help the City meet stringent Municipal Storm Water Permit and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for Tecolote Creek. The pollutant load reduction goal will be achieved by diverting storm water from the street to bioretention and treatment planters through curb cutouts. Enhanced streets will infiltrate storm flows through pervious pavement, which will further reduce storm flows.

The Bannock Avenue Streetscape Enhancement Project is currently in design, and construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2014. Project design details, CEQA documentation, and construction funding authorization requests will be brought forward for approval at a future date.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: This grant funding will result in revenue of \$630,500 in the T&SWD's Watershed Capital Improvement Program (CIP No.: A-CC.00001) funding, and will be appropriate for the costs associated with the construction of the Bannock Avenue Streetscape Enhancement Project (CIP No.: B-10027). The minimum local fund matching requirement of \$216,667 has already been expended in CIP No.: B-10027 for costs associated with the design of the project.

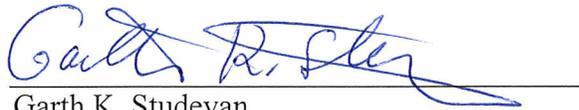
PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION: On June 13th, 2005 Council adopted Resolution R-300517 authorizing the City Manager to apply for IRWM funding pursuant to the adoption of the IRWM Plan, and on December 18, 2007 City Council adopted resolution R-303237 adopting the San Diego IRWM Plan. On March 29, 2009 Council authorized the Mayor to take all necessary actions to implement and secure Program grant funding, including conducting negotiations and executing documents necessary for receipt, expenditure, and/or distribution of funds awarded as a result of participating in this Program.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: T&SWD is actively engaged in multiple outreach efforts in the Tecolote Watershed and adjacent North Clairemont Community. The City has included substantial community education and outreach in the development and implementation of pollution prevention measures for the Tecolote Watershed with regard to abating bacteria sources, particularly from pet waste and food establishments. In addition, T&SWD has distributed printed material and posted regular project

updates on the City's website. Upon near completion of design, the outreach effort in the Clairemont Community will become more robust, and the Department will provide community members and interested organized groups with regular information updates as the project reaches final design and construction.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: Key project stakeholders are the San Diego County Water Authority, property owners and residents adjacent to the project improvements, the Clairemont Community Planning Group, the Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Friends of Tecolote Canyon.

There are no anticipated projected impacts from these actions.



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