

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Proposition 50 Water Bond Initiative
DATE: December 17, 2002

NEEDS: For the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 02-xx supporting the allocation of Proposition 50 funds for San Luis Obispo (SLO) County.

FACTS:

1. The California electorate approved Proposition 50 on November 5, 2002.
2. Proposition 50 sets aside \$525 million for allocation, by population, amongst all California counties, allocating approximately \$15 million for SLO County.
3. Staff representatives from twenty-five (25) local agencies have met several times to develop a Project List to earmark \$15 million in projects meeting grant definition guidelines for SLO County.

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: Proposition 50 has several overall funding principles:

- Projects must be completed by 2005
- Funding distribution for each County is decided among its members
- All agencies must support the Project List

In addition, each project on the list must be based and rated on the following criteria:

- Project addresses an identified public health issue
- Project addresses an identified public safety issue
- Project addresses a Regulatory Compliance Order
- Funding provides a match from another source
- Project is in a low-income or small community
- Project benefits multiple organizations
- Project protects and/or enhances fish and wildlife habitat
- Project improves water quality
- Project improves water or wastewater system reliability and resource management
- Project is part of an adopted plan.

The San Luis Obispo Group has met several times to develop a list of projects for funding consideration. Each member ranked all the projects submitted based on the criteria established in the Proposition. The attached list is the result of the work completed by the SLO Group. The list must be submitted to Senator Bruce McPherson and Assembly Member Abel Maldonado with an accompanying Resolution by December 31, 2002 since apportionment of the funds to each County will be set aside at the beginning of the legislative session in January 2003. The project list is described as follows:

List A – The SLO Group agreed to allocate \$2.7 million toward the Los Osos Wastewater Project.

List B – Each agency could receive \$300,000 towards one project. The City of Paso Robles proposes to use their share to investigate an alternative disposal of its wastewater discharge. This project received the most points among the other agency representatives. The adopted Capital Improvement Program included this project, however, its funding was not identified.

Proposition 50 funds would allow this project to proceed with the first phase of work towards developing an alternative disposal of its wastewater discharge.

List C – This list was developed based on competition. The City of Paso Robles requested and received concurrence that \$300,000 was applicable towards implementing the prospective Storm Water Management Plan. In March 2003, the City will be required to implement certain programs to ensure that storm water run-off discharged to the Salinas River is meets regulatory requirements, generally referred to as “NPDES Phase II”. The Regional Water Quality Control Board requires the City to address this issue in the following areas:

- Public education and/or outreach on the impact of storm water quality to the natural rivers and streams
- Encourage public participation and involvement
- Adopt procedures to detect illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Adopt construction site run-off controls and procedures
- Adopt post-construction run-off controls and procedures
- Adopt and educate City staff in pollution prevention and maintenance of City facilities (i.e. control of run-off from washing off of maintenance areas into the River)

Proposition 50 funding for SLO County, apportioned to the City, could fund these programs.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Wastewater Discharge Permit; EPA Regulation; NPDES Phase II; Adopted Capital Improvement Program

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IMPACT: A potential to add \$600,000 in funding for City projects associated with surface water quality.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Adopt Resolution No. 02-xx supporting the allocation of Proposition 50 funds for SLO County.
 - b. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments (2)

- 1) Resolution No. 02-xx
- 2) Letters

RESOLUTION NO. 02-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 50 SLO COUNTY FUNDS

WHEREAS, the California electorate approved Proposition 50 on November 5, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 includes a Set Aside of \$525 million for allocation amongst specified Counties including \$15 million for the County of San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, representatives from twenty-five local agencies have proposed to allocate this \$15 million Set Aside to meet the water, wastewater, drainage and open space needs of San Luis Obispo County as detailed in the attached worksheet; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Paso Robles concurs with the proposed allocation and wishes to encourage the California Legislature to award the \$15 million San Luis Obispo County Set Aside as proposed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby support the allocation of the \$15 million SLO County Set Aside as detailed on the attached worksheet.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Paso Robles respectfully requests that Assembly Member Maldonado and Senator Bruce McPherson work to secure the specific line items appropriation of the \$15 million SLO County Set Aside as detailed on the attached worksheet.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 17th day of December 2002 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk