

TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Brad Hagemann, Water Resources Manager

SUBJECT: Endorsement of Proposition 50 Grant Application for Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

DATE: October 18, 2005

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider endorsing San Luis Obispo County's Proposition 50 grant application in support of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

FACTS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board and the State Department of Water Resources are cooperatively administering the Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program.
2. The Grant Program will provide up to \$50,000,000 for qualifying proposals that are designed to increase water supply reliability, foster regional water management, reduce pollution and enhance or restore the environment.
3. As part of the grant application process the County has developed an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan) that includes several qualifying projects in the region. The highest priority project is the Nacimiento Water Supply Project, in which the City is a major participant. Other high priority projects include: Los Osos Wastewater project; Nipomo Mesa Water Project and Lopez Water Treatment Plant upgrade.
4. The complete IRWM Plan is several hundred pages long and can be reviewed at: <http://www.slocountywater.org/>.

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: The guidelines for successfully competing for Proposition 50 grant funds require that the lead agency (SLO County) prepare and adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. In order to increase the potential for Grant funding each responsible agency is encouraged to endorse the Plan and the County's approach to regional water management through inter-agency cooperation. City Council endorsement of the Plan will increase the potential for Proposition 50 Grant funding.

POLICY

REFERENCE: None

FISCAL

IMPACT: If successful, the Proposition 50 IRWM grant program could provide significant funding for regional water management projects. The County's highest priority project is the Nacimiento Water Supply Project. Any grant funding received for this project will help offset the City's costs for Nacimiento water.

OPTIONS:

- A. Endorse San Luis Obispo County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Proposition 50 grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of endorsement.
- B. Amend, modify, or reject the above options.

Attachments:

- 1) Letter to County endorsing IRWM Plan

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San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
County Government Center, Room 207
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: City of Paso Robles Endorsement of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Honorable Board Members,

At our regular meeting of October 18, 2005 the Paso Robles City Council passed a motion endorsing the County Flood Control And Water Conservation District Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. We appreciate the effort put forth by County staff in the preparation of the Plan and we look forward to continued interagency cooperation.

Sincerely

Frank Mecham, Mayor
City of Paso Robles