

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Groundwater Basin Management Plan (AB 3030)
DATE: October 7, 2008

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider authorizing an advance of \$208,000 from the Water Fund for the preparation of a Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Basin Management Plan.

FACTS:

1. The City of Paso Robles (acting as lead agency), in cooperation with the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (County), was recently awarded a \$208,000 AB 3030 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant to develop a comprehensive Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) for the Basin.
2. The Basin is the sole source of water supply for a major portion of the San Luis Obispo County and the southern portion of Monterey County and is critical to the region's healthy agribusiness.
3. There is considerable concern about potential overdraft conditions throughout the Basin.
4. Pumpage throughout the Basin is projected to reach sustainable yield within the foreseeable future, as evidenced by sharp localized groundwater level declines in some areas. As a result, the current groundwater monitoring program in the subbasin needs to be updated to support the long-term collection, management, analysis, and presentation of data to stakeholders to improve the understanding of the groundwater setting in the Basin and to support groundwater management activities.
5. The GWMP is intended to foster basin-wide cooperation, increase local ability to secure grants to fund the planning and implementation of groundwater management projects, and enhance management of the Basin by local stakeholders.
6. Technical experts will be selected to execute much of the project's scope of work.
7. Implementation of this project will require that funds be available to pay for expert services in advance of State reimbursement.

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

The GWMP is intended to build on earlier efforts to address Basin groundwater issues. The development of the GWMP will include an extensive public outreach and stakeholder involvement process to encourage participation by all urban, rural, and agricultural water users. This will help to ensure that the final plan will address the needs of the Basin users and satisfy the requirements of AB3030 and SB 1938 by:

- (1) Providing a framework for improved groundwater management
- (2) Seeking to maintain groundwater levels and quality to ensure the long-term groundwater supply and reliability of the Basin

POLICY

REFERENCE: AB 3030, SB 1938, City Economic Strategy, City Integrated Water Resources Plan, City Urban Water Management Plan

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IMPACT:

The total project budget is \$277,200, of which \$208,000 will be reimbursed by the California Department of Water Resources.

\$69,200 of matching grant requirements will be split between the City and County. These costs will be recognized in the form of staff time equal to approximately 330 hours per agency. This time is required for technical review, public outreach, interfacing with DWR, and project management.

There will be no net fiscal impact associated with this effort.

- OPTIONS:**
- a.** City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-XXXX authorizing a one time appropriation of \$208,000 to Budget Account #600-310-5524-458 and to #600-000-4617-000 for state grant reimbursement revenue.
 - b.** Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

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RESOLUTION NO. 08-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE FROM THE WATER FUND TO PREPARE AN AB3030
COMPLIANT GROUNDWATER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City is the lead agency in preparation of a Groundwater Basin Management Plan in accordance with AB 3030 and SB1938 and;

WHEREAS, the anticipated costs for expert services is \$208,000 and;

WHEREAS, the City will be reimbursed from a State grant on a quarterly basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby authorize Staff to appropriation of \$208,000 to Budget Account #600-310-5524-458 and to #600-000-4617-000 for state grant revenue in connection with the preparation of a Groundwater Basin Management Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 7th day of October 2008 by the following votes:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk