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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Measure A Lake Berryessa Watershed Improvement Program

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests the Board rescind the action of April 19, 2016, which created a Measure A Lake Berryessa Watershed Improvement Program Grant Advisory Committee.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Measure "A" Ordinance has been a conduit to fund approved projects in the County unincorporated area. In accordance with the JPA executed by the County, cities and Flood Authority, 7% of the sales tax revenue collected in the unincorporated area is to be used for approved projects in the Lake Berryessa watershed.

Staff has prepared Lake Berryessa Watershed Improvement Program Grant Funding Guidelines to solicit project proposals which will occur on an annual basis. Subsequent funding rounds will continue until the Measure A Ordinance expiration on June 30, 2018. The Lake Berryessa Watershed Improvement Grant Guidelines and Application solicitation was developed to commit funds to projects that satisfy the Ordinance eligibility criteria.

On April 19, 2016, staff requested Board approval to establish a Grant Program Advisory Committee to review and evaluate project proposals. That action inadvertently imposed provisions of the Brown Act on the committee when in actuality it is intended for a single purpose and a short duration. Therefore, the requested action is to rescind formal creation of the Committee by the Board. An informal committee will still be enlisted to assist in evaluating applications.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION****Measure "A" Background**

In March 1998, voters approved a half cent sales tax increase for flood control purposes known as Measure "A". The County and each City and Town are entitled to the proceeds from Measure "A" generated within their political boundaries for projects that were specified in the ballot measure. For the County, the Measure reads:

**Unincorporated Areas of Napa County:**

1. County unincorporated area flood damage reduction projects including elevating/relocating structures, including bridges, in the floodway and floodplain; and
2. Agricultural watershed and stormwater runoff management improvements planned jointly by the agricultural industry, the County, the Napa County Resource Conservation District and the Department of Fish and Game, including projects which will:
  - a. Reduce the amount of storm runoff and sediment in the Napa River System from agricultural lands; and
  - b. Increase flood storage of the River system by the setback of active land uses from river and tributary banks.

**Evaluation of Types of Projects and Benefits**

Measure "A" does not identify specific projects for the County unincorporated area, but rather specifies that projects must meet the above stated objectives. In January 2008, staff presented and received approval from the Board on the Measure "A" Project Benefits and Priorities Matrix, which outlines the types of projects and benefits that meet the required Measure "A" objectives. The matrix also provides a relative priority ranking of projects based upon the ability of a particular project to meet the Measure "A" objectives, while also considering the overall benefit to the public by applying the following criteria, as follows in order of relative importance:

1. Projects which provide protection for health and safety;
2. Projects which provide protection against possible future damage to property and/or the environment or protects natural resources; and
3. Projects which enhance the environment.

**Grant Program Advisory Committee**

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On April 19, 2016 staff requested Board approval to establish a Grant Program Advisory Committee to review and

evaluate project proposals related to the Lake Berryessa watershed. That action inadvertently imposed provisions of the Brown Act on the committee when in actuality it is intended for a single purpose and a short duration. Therefore, the requested action is to rescind formal creation of the Committee by the Board. An informal Advisory Committee will still be enlisted to assist in evaluating proposals. This committee will be comprised of the same representation that was originally outlined in the April 19, 2016 agenda item which consisted of delegates representing the Measure A Financial Oversight Committee, Technical Advisory Panel, Napa County Public Works staff as well as environmental, fish & wildlife and natural resource organizations. Projects selected by the Advisory Committee will be taken to the Flood Authority Board for approval and specific funding allocations.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula