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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director
Public Works
REPORT BY: Richard Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, (707)259-8657
SUBJECT: Resolution to Accept Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Rutherford Dust Restoration Project

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests the following relating to the State Water Resources Control Board grant for the Rutherford Dust Society Restoration Project:

1. Adoption of a resolution approving a grant agreement with State of California and authorizing the Director of Public Works to sign the grant agreement for a maximum of \$1,000,000 for the term December 31, 2006 through April 1, 2009; and
2. Approval of Budget Transfer No. 33 increasing appropriations in the General Fund Capital Improvement Budget by \$1,000,000 with offsetting grant revenues. (4/5 vote required)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County has been awarded a grant of \$1,000,000 from the State of California Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for the Rutherford Dust Restoration Project. Local match funds of \$700,000 from the County's share of Measure "A" tax revenues were approved under prior Board action. The combined funds of \$1,700,000 will be used by the County to oversee final design and construction activities for a portion of the project. Completion of the entire project will depend on additional grants to be acquired by the Rutherford Dust Society with anticipated requests for additional local match funds from Measure "A" at the discretion of, and under future Board action.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	A grant of funds from the State of California Water Resources Control Board.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Acceptance of these grant funds is consistent with direction from the Board to supplement the County's share of Measure "A" tax revenues to accomplish projects of this type.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The grant funds and local matching funds will be spent over multiple fiscal years. The grant funds must be expended by March 1, 2009.
Consequences if not approved:	Sufficient funding would not be available to complete final design and construction of this portion of the Project.
Additional Information:	None

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

The Rutherford Dust Society (RDS), the County of Napa, the Flood District, and Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in March 2005 defining roles and responsibilities to accomplish a plan for restoration and management of a 4.5 mile stretch of the Napa River in the Rutherford Appellation. The preliminary design of the Rutherford Dust Restoration Project (the Project), funded partly by County Measure A funds and partly by a grant from the Coastal Conservancy, is nearing completion.

The MOU established that the RDS, with assistance from RCD, would seek grant funds for the next phase of work, which is the Final Design Phase, and that the County would provide additional funds via a grant from Measure A receipts. A Grant Application for funds from the SWRCB 2005-2006 Consolidated Grants Program was prepared by RDS and submitted for approval to the County Executive Office in January 2006. Based on that application the County has been awarded a \$1,000,000 grant for the Restoration Project.

Local matching funds of \$700,000 from the County's share of Measure "A" tax revenues are included in the FY 2007 General Fund Capital Improvement Budget. The combined funds of \$1,700,000 will be used by the County to oversee final design and construction activities for a portion of the project, referred to as Reaches 1 and 2, which is approximately 1.2 miles of the 4.5 mile project. The actual cost of construction will be determined following completion of final design and a formal bidding process for this portion of the Project. Completion of the entire 4.5 mile project will depend on additional grants to be acquired by the Rutherford Dust Society with anticipated requests for additional local match funds from Measure "A" at the discretion of, and under future Board action.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey