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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Kim Henderson for Robert Peterson - Director
Public Works
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SUBJECT: Letter of Mutual Understandings with the Napa Valley Regional Water Management Group

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Letter of Mutual Understandings with the Napa Valley Regional Water Management Group for the purpose of a multi-agency effort towards developing a Napa Valley Implementation Grant Application under the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the proposed Letter is to formalize the mutual understandings of the members of the Napa Valley Regional Water Management Group with respect to their joint efforts towards developing a Napa Valley Implementation Grant Application under the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program. This document also provides an organizational framework for the distribution and management of grant funds. This framework will only be executed if an Implementation Grant is awarded to the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (NCFCWCD) on behalf of the Napa Valley Regional Water Management Group.

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

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board are soliciting Integrated Water Management Implementation Grant applications with an emphasis on regional applications. Thirteen agencies throughout Napa County including the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, **Napa County**, City of American Canyon, City of Napa, Napa Sanitation District, Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena, Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company, City of Calistoga, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District, and the California Land Stewardship Institute have combined efforts to submit a regional grant application. Staff from each agency have formed a Napa Valley Regional Water Management Group and will be taking the attached Letter of Mutual Understandings to their respective board or council for approval.

The development of the grant application began with the Napa Sanitation District (NSD). NSD has hired the consultant Larry Walker and Associates (LWA) to prepare the grant application and discovered the application would have a greater opportunity for success if it was a regional application. NSD invited staff from all agencies to become involved in developing a project list and grant application that included a variety of projects from all jurisdictions. Preliminary ranking of the projects has been done by LWA with an emphasis on a diverse project list representing all agencies to increase the chances of a successful grant application. This is the first stage of the application process and DWR will further refine the Napa Valley Regional Water Projects to best fit the requirements and funding limitations of the grant program.

The grant application package is being filed electronically and is still being compiled to meet the July 14, 2005 submission date.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Letter of Mutual Understandings

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey