

**REPORT TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL**  
*City of Salinas, California*

DATE: August 19, 2014

FROM: Gary Petersen, C.A.E., Public Works Director

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SUBJECT: **GREATER MONTEREY COUNTY PROP-84 DROUGHT GRANT**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application be submitted to and the Mayor to execute an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management Drought Grant.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Salinas Public Works Department in partnership with Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) seeks to submit an application to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to obtain a 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management Drought Grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 et seq.); and to enter into an agreement with the DWR to receive a grant for the Drought Relief through Stormwater Diversion for Water Supply consistent with the Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan adopted by City Council on December 11, 2012.

Water has been an issue in Monterey County for over a century. Since the turn of the 20th century, numerous independent water studies have been conducted, and a variety of projects brought forward. However, significant watershed management issues remain within the region and the state.

The project calls for recapturing storm dry-weather runoff and first storm flushes from the south Salinas City area and routing into MRWPCA's Salinas pump station located at the former Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plant No 1 off Hitchcock Road. This water will mix with the Salinas sanitary sewer water, treated, and recycled for agricultural irrigation use in the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP). This project will also help Salinas meet the State Water NPDES permit by capturing this contaminated water and preventing it from reaching the Salinas River.

The grant amount being requested is \$819,000; of which \$585,000 is a Prop-84 Drought Grant and \$234,000 matching funds by the City and MRWPCA. The City's and MRWPCA's matching funds may be in the form of labor hours or funding. If the grant is secured, the DWR may elect to provide the funds to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) to administer the funds. At which time, City of Salinas and MPWMD will execute an agreement which will include the roles and responsibilities for administration of the grant and distribution of the grant.

**ISSUE:**

Should the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application be submitted and execute an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management Drought Grant?

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are no short-term fiscal impacts to accepting the IRWMP grant. Conversely, rejecting the IRWMP would render the City’s current Proposition 84 grant applications void, and nullify the City’s current grant application of \$585,000. Amount of grant funding is determined on a case-by-case basis; no funds are guaranteed.

**TIME CONSIDERATIONS:**

City resolution approval is one of the DWR requirements in accepting the grant application submittal and must be provided before the end of August 2014. Failure to act would exclude Salinas from the Proposition 84 Department of Water Resources grant consideration.

**ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:**

Council may reject the resolution, and not support submitting the Prop-84 grant application. This approach is not recommended for several reasons: the most notable of which is that doing so would disqualify Salinas from consideration for Prop. 84 grant funds.

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS:**

The recommended action is consistent with the City’s Economic Diversity and Prosperity Initiative, Safe and livable community, Quality of Life, Excellent Infrastructure, and affirms support for drought relief.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

At its meeting of August 19, 2014, Council is requested to adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application be submitted to and execute an agreement with, the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management Drought Grant.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A 2014 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROP-84 DROUGHT GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department seeks to submit an application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management Prop-84 Drought Grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 et seq.); and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Drought Relief through Stormwater Diversion for Water Supply;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALINAS:** That the Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources, to be signed and authorized by the Mayor of the City of Salinas.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 19th day of August, 2014, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

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**Joe Gunter, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk**