



**Date:** August 7, 2019

**To:** Water Resources and Watershed Committee  
Maria Gutzeit, Chair  
Tom Campbell  
Kathy Colley  
William Cooper  
Robert DiPrimio  
Jerry Gladbach

**From:** Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SCM*

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** is scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM** in the Summit Circle Training Room located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350.

### MEETING AGENDA

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6. CLOSED SESSION
  - 6.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Section 54956.8)
    - Property: Water Exchange(s) of SCV Water's 2019 State Project  
Water Supply
    - Agency Negotiators: Mathew G. Stone and Dirk Marks
    - Negotiating Parties: Various Parties
    - Under Negotiation: Terms of Exchange(s)
7. Closed Session Announcements
8. Adjournment

- \* Indicates attachment
- ◆ To be distributed

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Posted on August 7, 2019.

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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 1, 2019

**TO:** Water Resources and Watershed Committee

**FROM:** Dirk Marks *DM*  
Director of Water Resources

**SUBJECT:** Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to (1) Apply for a Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Grant on Behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Identifying SCV Water as the Agency Responsible for the Local Cost Share and (2) Execute an Agreement with the State of California for a 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant

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### SUMMARY

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has issued a Draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for Planning Grants for the development or implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). This is Round 3 of the DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Planning Grant Program. The final PSP is anticipated to be released as early as August 2, 2019, and grant applications are anticipated to be due approximately 30 days later. The Santa Clarita Valley-Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) Work Group members recommend SCV Water prepare an application on behalf of the SCV-GSA.

### DISCUSSION

As authorized by the SCV Water Board, staff applied for a Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant. This application included work that was understood early in the process to be required, such as updating the groundwater model, studying groundwater surface water interactions, developing a water budget and data management system, and stakeholder engagement. SCV Water was awarded \$416,000 by DWR. This revenue directly offsets SCV Water's GSP development costs.

Since that time, the scope of consultant services for GSP development was developed and SCV Water entered into multi-year consultant contracts with three consultants for GSP development totaling approximately \$1.43M. Total GSP cost, including staff time, is estimated at \$3.1M through Fiscal Year 2021/22. The Round 3 application provides opportunity for SCV Water to apply for additional funding in support of this more complete workplan and to further offset SCV Water's GSP development costs. The draft PSP requires that the applicant provide a cost share of at least 25% of the total project cost (specific to the grant application). While the cost share provided by SCV Water under the Round 2 grant award cannot be counted in Round 3, sufficient expenditures will exist to meet local cost sharing.

SCV Water has preliminarily identified tasks eligible for funding under this opportunity such as purchase and installation of pressure transducers with data loggers, separate data loggers for recording shallow groundwater temperature, peer review of the groundwater flow model,

development of the hydrogeologic conceptual model, evaluating projects and management actions, GSP document preparation, infiltration testing and pilot studies, and staff time. Staff is working to refine eligible tasks and associated costs.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Staff anticipates a minimum grant request of \$500,000. If awarded, costs would offset SCV Water's funding responsibilities for preparation of the GSP. The cost to prepare the grant application is estimated to be \$50,000. Application costs are not reimbursable expenses under the Round 3 grant. The total amount of funds offered statewide under the Round 3 is \$47.25M. Although the state has indicated a preference for awarding funds to applicants that did not receive Round 2 funding, staff believes the proposed grant application should score well and will be competitive.

The Fiscal Year 2019/20 Operating Budget for preparation of the GSP is \$998,520. The current budget does not include the cost to prepare the Round 3 grant application. Due to uncertainties in timing of GSP development expenses, it is unclear if amending the budget would be necessary.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Water Resources and Watershed Committee recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution authorizing the General Manager to (1) apply for a Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Grant on behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, identifying SCV Water as the agency responsible for the local cost share and (2) execute an agreement with the State of California for a 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant

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Attachment

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**RESOLUTION NO. XXXX**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER  
TO (1) APPLY FOR A ROUND 3 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, IDENTIFYING SCV WATER AS THE  
AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOCAL COST SHARE AND (2) EXECUTE AN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR A 2019 SUSTAINABLE  
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, SCV Water is a member agency of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 4, 2018, SCV Water and SCV-GSA entered into an Administrative Services Agreement requiring the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) to administer the SCV-GSA and provide the majority of funding to develop the state-required Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program using funds authorized by Proposition 68 and Proposition 1 to encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources that support the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

**WHEREAS**, DWR has issued a Draft Round 3 Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for Planning Grants related to development or implementation of GSPs; and

**WHEREAS**, the application period is anticipated to begin as soon as August 2, 2019 and be open for approximately 4 weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, an opportunity exists for SCV Water, to apply for Round 3 grant funding to fund portions of the GSP on behalf of the SCV-GSA; and

**WHEREAS**, SCV Water is evaluating projects and requested grant amounts and anticipates a minimum grant request of \$500,000, but may request more grants funds if eligible costs are identified; and

**WHEREAS**, the application process includes many requirements and considerations including: a) SCV-GSA adoption of a resolution affirming it desires SCV Water to submit a grant application on its behalf, b) identification of the total local cost share that will be committed to the proposal, and c) the a minimum local cost share of 25% of total proposal cost must be provided; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Administrative Services Agreement between the SCV-GSA and SCV Water, SCV Water will apply for the grant and commit to providing the minimum local cost share; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Administrative Services Agreement, if a Round 3 Grant is awarded, grant revenues will be used to offset SCV Water's costs to develop the GSP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, resolves and orders as follows:

If the SCV-GSA Board affirms through a resolution that it desires SCV Water to apply for the Round 3 grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA, then the General Manager is authorized to:

- (1) Apply for a Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Grant on behalf of the SCV-GSA, identifying Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency as the agency responsible for the local cost share, and
- (2) Execute an agreement with the State of California for a 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant.

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1	Update on Conservation Activities & Performance		C		P			P		P		P		P			P		P		P		P		P		P
2	Update on Conservatory Garden & Pocket Park Pilot Projects		C				P																				
3	Update on Conservation Strategies																										
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8	Status of Sites Reservoir Project																										
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15	Status of Devil's Den Solar Generation Facilities																P										
16	Recommend Approval of a Resolution of Application by SCVWA Requesting Los Angeles LAFCO Initiate Proceedings For Annexation of Tesoro Del Valle, Making Responsible Agency Findings Pursuant to CEQA and Approving the Project in SCVWA's Limited Role as Responsible Agency		C	P																							
17	CLOSED SESSION: Water Transfer/Exchange				P		P																				
18	Approve a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Funding Agreement with DWR for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential New Delta Conveyance Option					P																					

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19	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Agreement for SCV Water's Participation in Sites Reservoir Planning Costs									P	P																	
20	Recommend Approval of Resolution Adopting CEQA Findings for State Water Project Water Management Tools and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment for the State Water Project Water Management Tools													P		P												
21	Review of Watershed Recharge Feasibility Study							P	P			P			P													
22	Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Agreement in Principle (AIP) to Amend the State Water Project Contract for a Delta Conveyance Option													P		P												
23	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to (1) Apply for a Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Grant on Behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Identifying SCV Water as the Agency Responsible for the Local Cost Share and (2) Execute an Agreement with the State of California for a 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant				P		P																					
24	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Apply for a Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant and to Execute a Grant Agreement with the Department of Water Resources									P	P																	

P = Planned  
C = Completed  
CNL = Cancelled  
CNT = Continued Item