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AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: June 7, 2011

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)						
	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Denise Akins PHONE: 636-5005						

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Proposition 84 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendation

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve sending a letter of support for Proposition 84 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendation.

SUMMARY:
Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, provides funding for projects that assist local public agencies to meet long term water needs including the delivery of safe drinking water and the protection of water quality and the environment.

As part of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program, Tulare County participates in five IRWM groups. Three of the five groups applied for funding in the initial Proposition 84 funding round. These are the Upper Kings Basin IRWMA, the Kaweah River Basin IRWM, and the Poso Creek IRWM. DWR recently announced its funding recommendations and all three applicant groups were recommended for partial funding. All three groups were recommended for partial funding.

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While full funding would have been preferred, the groups will be able to accomplish their projects with the reduced amount. Tulare County disadvantaged communities (DAC) will benefit from the funding and the other projects benefit the whole region.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Strategic Plan includes an initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public which includes the goal of providing an adequate and safe water supply.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Denise Akins
Administrative Analyst- Water Resources

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF)
SUPPORT FOR PROPOSTION 84)
ROUND 1 INTEGRATED REGIONAL)
WATER MANAGEMENT)
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT DRAFT)
FUNDING RECOMMENDATION)

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved sending a letter of support for Proposition 84 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendation.



County of Tulare

June 7, 2011

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
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Attn: Mr. Trevor Joseph

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Re: Proposition 84 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendations

Dear Mr. Joseph:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Proposition 84 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Draft Funding Recommendations (Recommendations). The County of Tulare Board of Supervisors (Board) supports the Recommendations of the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) staff. We feel CDWR staff has conducted a very creditable analysis of the grant applications and that the draft recommendations are consistent with both the Proposition 84 IRWM Guidelines, and the Round 1 Implementation Proposal Solicitation Package. The Board encourages CDWR to finalize the Recommendations without any revisions.

Furthermore, the Board supports the efforts of the Upper Kings Basin IRWM Authority (Water Authority), Kaweah River Basin IRWM (Kaweah), and Poso Creek IRWM (Poso) regions to secure external funding. The amount requested in the Proposition 84 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant application submitted by the Water Authority was \$13,333,333, Kaweah was \$7,286,423, and Poso was \$12,892,510. While the recommended awards to the Water Authority is \$8,496,000, Kaweah is \$4643,000 and Poso is \$8,215,000 are significantly lower than the amount requested, the project proponents will likely be able to complete their respective projects by contributing additional local funds. However, if less than the recommended amount is received, completion of the projects could be at risk.

In conclusion, the Board fully supports the efforts of Upper Kings Basin IRWM Authority, the Kaweah River Basin, and the Poso Creek regions as they seek Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant funding, and encourages CDWR to finalize the Recommendations without any revisions.

Sincerely,

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