DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR APPROVAL OF THE STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM (SWGP) PROPOSITION 1 (PROP 1) PLANNING GRANT RECOMMENDED FUNDING LIST (RECOMMENDED FUNDING LIST)

BACKGROUND

The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Prop 1) was approved by California voters in the general election on November 4, 2014. Among other funds, Prop 1 provided $200 million for matching grants to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, state and federally recognized Indian tribes, and mutual water companies for multi-benefit storm water management projects (Water Code section 79747). After bond and program administration costs, approximately $186 million will be available for projects.

Prior to the passage of Prop 1 in November 2014, the California Legislature adopted Senate Bill (SB) 985 entitled the Stormwater Resource Planning Act (SB 985). SB 985 amended Water Code sections 10561, 10562, 10563, 10573, and added sections 10561.5 and 10565 to require the development of a Storm Water Resource Plan to receive grants from a bond act approved after January 1, 2014 for storm water and dry weather runoff capture projects. The SB 985 requirement to prepare a Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) is directed to public agencies. A SWRP must include a prioritized list of projects to address storm water and dry weather runoff capture on a watershed basis. The SWRP must address the requirements listed in the Water Code and be developed in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) SWRP Guidelines. Per the Water Code section 10563(c)(2)(B), a disadvantaged community (DAC) with a population of 20,000 or less and that is not listed as a co-permittee for a municipal storm water permit is exempt from the SWRP requirement.

The State Water Board adopted the SWGP Funding Guidelines for administering SWGP Prop 1 funds on December 15, 2015 (Resolution 2015-0076). The Resolution adopting the Funding Guidelines authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to award grants and execute grant agreements.

Prop 1 allows up to ten percent of the SWGP grant funds for "...planning and monitoring necessary for the successful design, selection, and implementation of the projects authorized..." The development of a watershed-based SWRP must meet the requirements of the Water Code and the SWRP Guidelines (Resolution 2015-0077).

The Prop 1 Storm Water Planning Grant solicitation opened in January 2016 and closed on March 18, 2016. Prop 1 allowed up to $19 million to be awarded for planning grants to fund either an SWRP or a Project Specific Planning project that would lead to project implementation. The Division received 45 applications requesting approximately $15.5 million in grant funds.

Applications were reviewed by the Division, applicable Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and Division of Water Quality staff utilizing pre-established scoring criteria and for aspects including: project/applicant eligibility, application completeness, and application quality.

The recommended funding list includes 28 projects totaling approximately $9.5 million in grant funds and including a total over $8.8 million in matching funds. The remaining unused eligible planning funds may be used for implementation project grants. Grant amounts awarded may be adjusted due to ineligible tasks, ineligible project scope, or insufficient match. The draft funding list was provided to the Regional Water Boards for their review.

Seventeen applications are not recommended for funding at this time. A few of the SWRP applications were proposed for small, disadvantaged communities that did not require SWRPs to be eligible for storm water capture grant funding for construction/implementation projects. Other applications were not selected because they were an ineligible type of planning project, were implementation or maintenance projects, or were not fully developed applications. Division staff will work with the unselected applicants that are interested in continuing with their project to see if they are eligible for other funding programs, such as the Green Project Reserve in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program.

APPROVAL

I, Darrin Polhemus, Deputy Director of the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance, approve the Recommended Funding List (Attachment 1). The final amount awarded will be subject to each applicant providing an acceptable scope of work, budget, and schedule.

Projects may be removed from the Recommended Funding List by the Deputy Director of the Division if applicants do not respond to Division staff requests for changes to the scopes of work and budgets in a timely and appropriate manner. The Deputy Director of the Division has the authority to utilize additional funds that become available (e.g., if a project is withdrawn or completed under budget) to fund projects in future solicitations or to augment the scope and budget of projects previously awarded, subject to the maximum grant amounts allowed in the SWGP Prop 1 Guidelines. This authorization includes augmentation of project budgets to provide sufficient funds to ensure each project is properly implemented to meet its stated goals.

The Deputy Director of the Division is authorized to execute grant agreements and amendments thereto.

Approved: _____

Darrin Polhemus
Deputy Director, Division of Financial Assistance

Date: 6/30/2016

Attachment 1: Prop 1 SWGP Planning Grant Recommended Funding List

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REGION	FAAST PIN	APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT TYPE	GRANT AMOUNT	PROPOSED MATCH AMOUNT
1	35211	Mendocino County Water Agency	Coastal Mendocino County Storm Water Resource Plan	SWRP	$ 242,990	$ 27,040
1	35374	City of Ukiah	Russian River Regional Storm Water Resource Management and Monitoring Plan	SWRP	$ 500,000	$ 688,146
1	35469	City of Eureka	Eureka Area Watershed Storm Water Resource Plan	SWRP	$ 394,830	$ 43,870
2	34799	Contra Costa Co Flood Control & Water Conservation Dist on behalf of CC Clean Water Program	Contra Costa Watersheds Storm Water Resources Plan	SWRP	$ 499,420	$ 500,540
2	34802	Santa Clara Valley Water District	SWRP for the Santa Clara Basin in Santa Clara County	SWRP	$ 471,708	$ 473,125
2	35238	Sonoma County Water Agency	Southern Sonoma County Storm Water Resource Planning Project	SWRP	$ 484,627	$ 484,627
3	34671	Coastal Conservation and Research, inc.	Storm Water Resource for the Greater Monterey County IRWM	SWRP	$ 469,305	$ 477,244
3	35252	City of Arroyo Grande	Stormwater Resource Plan for Five Cities Area	SWRP	$ 189,140	$ 189,376
3	35466	MRWPCA	Monterey Pennisula Region Stormwater Resource Plan	SWRP	$ 300,673	$ 358,716
3	35586	Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara County-wide Integrated Stormwater Resource Plan	SWRP	$ 462,830	$ 462,909
4	35355	City of San Fernando	San Fernando Regional Park Project	PSP	$ 425,000	$ 425,000
4	35541	City of Torrance	Torrance Airport Storm Water Infiltration Project Final Design	PSP	$ 500,000	$ 620,000
5	34773	Kern County	Storm Water Resource Plan Development	SWRP	$ 150,000	$ 150,000
5	34808	City of Yuba City	Yuba City Basin Storm Water Resource Plan	SWRP	$ 396,552	$ 436,377
5	35361	Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Water Resources Association of Yolo County - Prop 1 Stormwater Planning Grant Program	SWRP	$ 325,631	$ 366,515
5	35491	University Enterprises, Inc.	Development of a Storm Water Plan for the American River	SWRP	$ 355,463	$ 371,277
5	35523	Madera County	Madera County Storm Water Resources Plan	SWRP	$ 88,270	$ 86,859
5	35525	City of Chico	City of Chico Storm Water Resource Plan	SWRP	$ 194,400	$ 193,860
5	35549	City of Redding	City of Redding Storm Water Resource Plan	SWRP	$ 89,700	$ 91,469
5	35556	Stanislaus County	Stanislaus Multi-Agency Regional Storm Water Resource Plan	SWRP	$ 500,000	$ 500,000
6	34812	El Dorado County	Oflyng Water Quality Project	PSP	$ 150,000	$ 150,000
6	35321	Tahoe RCD	Storm Water Resource Plan for the Tahoe Sierra IRWM Region	SWRP	$ 88,203	$ 88,203
6	35520	City of South Lake Tahoe	Ruby Way - Overlook Ct. Drainage and Erosion Control Project	PSP	$ 194,325	$ 21,592
6	35529	City of South Lake Tahoe	Bijou Park Creek Restoration Project	PSP	$ 498,935	$ 48,271
6	35531	City of South Lake Tahoe	Tahoe Valley Greenbelt & Stormwater Improvement Project	PSP	$ 381,920	$ 42,436
6	35536	Honey Lake Valley RCD	Lahontan Basin Storm Water Resources Plan	SWRP	$ 392,500	$ 46,500
8	35578	San Bernardino County Flood Control	San Bernardino County Santa Ana River Watershed Group (SBC SARWG) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP)	SWRP	$ 475,070	$ 475,070
9	35200	County of San Diego	San Diego Regional Storm Water Resources Plan	SWRP	$ 374,350	$ 1,032,474
				SUBTOTAL SWRP	**$ 7,445,662**	**$ 7,544,197**
				SUBTOTAL PSP	**$ 2,150,180**	**$ 1,307,299**
				TOTAL	**$ 9,595,842**	**$ 8,851,496**

NOTES:

1. n/a = not applicable
2. SWRP - Storm Water Resource Plan
3. PSP - Project Specific Planning

Revisions 1: Awarded grant amount was corrected from original award of $325,631 to $425,000 for City of San Fernando.

Approved 7/19/16