

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 0026

APPROVAL OF INITIAL PROPOSITION 50 GRANT FUNDING TO THE CITY OF COLTON, CITY OF RIALTO AND THE WEST SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR THREE AQUIFER RECLAMATION WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS

WHEREAS:

1. The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (2002 Bond Law), Proposition 50, allocated \$10 million to the Water Recycling Subaccount. \$9.875 million of the \$10 million is to provide grants to municipalities for facilities planning, design, and construction of water recycling projects;

City of Rialto:

2. The Chief of the Loans and Grants Branch approved the Facility Plan for the City of Rialto's Reclamation of Aquifer Water Supply Phase I Project on February 21, 2003, and the City of Rialto agreed with the Facility Plan Approval on February 28, 2003;
3. The City of Rialto has filed a Notice of Exemption which has been reviewed and considered and it has been determined that the project qualifies for a Class 1 and 7 Categorical Exemption from CEQA requirements and will not result in any significant environmental impacts; and
4. On February 26, 2003, CALFED staff reviewed the scientific and environmental elements of the three projects proposed to receive Proposition 50 funding and are in concurrence with the Division's funding request.

City of Colton:

5. The Assistant Division Chief approved the Facility Plan for the City of Colton's Reclamation of Aquifer Water Supply Project on February 19, 2003, and the City of Colton agreed with the Facility Plan Approval on February 28, 2003;
6. The City of Colton has filed a Notice of Exemption which has been reviewed and considered and it has been determined that the project qualifies for a Class 1 and 7 Categorical Exemption from CEQA requirements and will not result in any significant environmental impacts; and
7. On February 26, 2003, CALFED staff reviewed the scientific and environmental elements of the three projects proposed to receive Proposition 50 funding and are in concurrence with the Division's funding request.

West San Bernardino County Water District:

8. The Assistant Division Chief approved the Facility Plan for the West San Bernadino County Water District's Reclamation of Aquifer Water Supply – Phase I Project on February 21, 2003, and the West San Bernardino County Water District agreed with the Facility Plan Approval on February 28, 2003;
9. The West San Bernadino County Water District has filed a Notice of Exemption which has been reviewed and considered and it has been determined that the project qualifies for a Class 1 and 7 Categorical Exemption from CEQA requirements and will not result in any significant environmental impacts;
10. Division of Financial Assistance and California Bay Delta Authority staff have identified the City of Rialto, the City of Colton, and the communities served by the West San Bernadino County Water District as environmental justice communities on the following basis:
 - a. Pollutants due to human activity from a source outside of the subject communities have grossly contaminated the communities' water supply;

- b. Contamination of the communities' water supply poses a serious threat to public health, water quality, and the environment; and
 - c. The demographic profiles of the three communities, including the percentage of minorities and low income levels, are symbolic of an environmental justice community of concern; and
11. On February 26, 2003, CALFED staff reviewed the scientific and environmental elements of the three projects proposed to receive Proposition 50 funding and are in concurrence with the Division's funding request.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT FOR CITY OF RIALTO:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Approves a WRCP Prop 50 Bond Law grant of \$1.025 million to the City of Rialto for the construction of the Reclamation of Aquifer Supply Project Phase I; and
2. Will withdraw this preliminary WRCP grant commitment if the "Notice to Proceed" to construction is not granted by May 30, 2003. The Division may approve up to a 90-day extension to the above deadline for good cause.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT FOR CITY OF COLTON:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Approves a WRCP Prop 50 Bond Law grant of \$0.959 million to the City of Colton for the construction of the Reclamation of Aquifer Supply Project; and
2. Will withdraw this preliminary WRCP grant commitment if the "Notice to Proceed" to construction is not granted by May 1, 2003. The Division may approve up to a 90-day extension to the above deadline for good cause.

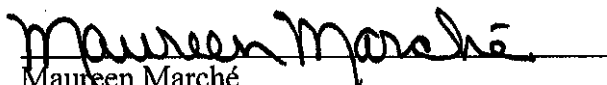
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT FOR WEST SAN BERNADINO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Approves a WRCP Prop 50 Bond Law grant of \$1.039 million to the West San Bernardino County Water District for the construction of the Reclamation of Aquifer Supply Project Phase I; and
2. Will withdraw this preliminary WRCP grant commitment if the "Notice to Proceed" to construction is not granted by May 1, 2003. The Division may approve up to a 90-day extension to the above deadline for good cause.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on April 30, 2003.


Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board