STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NOVEMBER 8, 2023

ITEM 9

SUBJECT

SITE CLEANUP SUBACCOUNT PROGRAM (SCAP) STATUS UPDATE.

DISCUSSION

Program Update

Since the April 18, 2023, Board meeting, the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistant (Deputy Director) has made 26 funding decisions. This includes adding 14 existing (Legacy Projects) to the SCAP Fundable Grant Project List, approving additional funding for 6 Legacy Projects, and approving funding for 6 new projects. SCAP anticipates funding approximately 24 grants and 30 contracts in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Resolution No. 2023-0011 (Resolution) Implementation

In accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution, the Deputy Director reviewed the list of Legacy Projects that were not on the SCAP Fundable Grant Project List and gave those applicants an opportunity to submit information that could be used to reassess project scores and possibly add those Legacy Projects to the SCAP Fundable Grant Project List.

After reviewing Legacy Project information, the Deputy Director added 14 Legacy Projects to the SCAP Fundable Grant Project List. The Deputy Director deferred funding decisions on 6 Legacy Projects because they are receiving SCAP grant funding and are not expected to need additional funding during Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

SCAP staff held 2 stakeholder meetings, reviewed stakeholder comments, and are considering recommendations on revisions to the Resolution based on stakeholders' feedback. SCAP staff is considering revising the Ranking Methodology to modify the Human Health and Environment (HH&E) scores both for soil vapor and for sensitive receptors. SCAP staff are also evaluating whether there should be a minimum HH&E score for projects to be eligible for placement on the SCAP Fundable Grant Project List. Staff are also considering whether to recommend a consistent policy for funding limits for any single SCAP project, or whether to continue to make funding decisions on a case-by-case basis.

Next Steps

- Further evaluation of potential revisions to ranking methodology and policy considerations
- Ongoing stakeholder engagement
- State Water Board annual adoption of SCAP Fundable Grant Project List

POLICY ISSUE

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Changes to the Ranking Methodology impact whether projects regulated by the Regional Water Boards receive funding for cleanup.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.