

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22-23, 2014

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ITEM NUMBER: 11

SUBJECT: Grants Program

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KEY INFORMATION:

Location: Salinas Valley
Type of Grant: PG&E Settlement Fund

THIS ACTION: Resolution to Allocate PG&E Settlement Funding for the Safe Drinking Water Grant Project

SUMMARY

This Supplemental Sheet is to provide additional information regarding the Safe Drinking Water grant project. Water Board staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. R3-2014-0030 to allocate approximately \$118,000 to fund the Safe Drinking Water Project.

The Water Board received a letter of support for the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water proposal. The letter is included as Attachment 1 to this Supplemental Sheet.

ATTACHMENT

1. Support letters for EJCW proposal



Big Sur Land Trust • California State University Monterey Bay • California Water Service Company • Castroville Community Services District • City of Salinas • City of Soledad • Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve • Environmental Justice Coalition for Water • Garrapata Creek Watershed Council • Marina Coast Water District • Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary • Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's Office • Monterey County Water Resources Agency • Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency • Moss Landing Marine Laboratories • Resource Conservation District of Monterey County • Rural Community Assistance Corporation • San Jerardo Cooperative, Inc.

May 16, 2014

Katie McNeill, Grants Program Coordinator
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Dear Katie,

The Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group wholeheartedly supports the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) in their proposal to implement the State and Local Smalls Interim Drinking Water Pilot project for the Central Coast Water Board. Due to the serious nitrate contamination of drinking water wells in Northern Monterey County, this pilot project will focus on outreach, planning and implementation of an interim drinking water solution in the communities of Springfield Terrace, Las Lomas and in the surrounding area. This project will support these disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities who are in need of a safe supply of drinking water.

This pilot is similar to the work that EJCW and partners have been doing for the Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) region. For the last several years, the Regional Water Management Group has been implementing an IRWM Planning Grant for the Greater Monterey County region. EJCW and partners have played a critical role in that grant in their efforts to work directly with disadvantaged communities. Deliverables they have been responsible for include: a DAC outreach plan for the region, a DAC and Tribal Needs Assessment, identification of critical water and waste water projects, and technical assistance to get DAC projects submitted into the IRWM Plan.

EJCW and partners have been very resourceful and responsive in these efforts. They are extremely professional and very easy to work with given demanding conditions and schedules. I highly recommend them for this funding opportunity. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (828) 649-9742 or srobinsongs@frontier.com.

Sincerely,

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