

IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: IWVGA Board Members

DATE: October 17, 2019

FROM: James Worth, Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Resolution 07-19 – Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the State of California for Proposition 68 Grant Funding for Sustainable Groundwater Planning

DISCUSSION

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has issued a solicitation for applications for Proposition 68 Planning – Round 3 (Proposition 68) grants under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program. The Proposition 68 grants provide funding for eligible projects which support groundwater sustainability planning and management and assist in the development and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in reaching sustainability. The Proposition 68 grant solicitation will close on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 1 PM.

The grants funds could be used by the IWVGA to recover costs that are currently not covered by the Proposition 1 grant previously awarded to the IWVGA, such as the cost of Capitol Core Group's services for water marketing strategies, and/or to begin work on the proposed projects that will be recommended in the GSP for the Basin. These proposed projects include implementation of recycled water and imported water projects, preparation of pumping optimization and shallow well mitigation studies, implementation of dust control mitigation, implementation of pumping allocations, and/or implementation of additional conservation programs.

The grant solicitation is a competitive process so funding is not guaranteed but if the IWVGA's application is successful the minimum potential grant funding available to the IWVGA would be \$200,000 and the maximum potential funding would be \$500,000. The minimum local cost share (i.e. matching funds) is 25%, however, this required share might be lowered to 15% due to the project benefits to Severely Disadvantaged Communities in the Basin.

A motion is needed which requires two parts: (1) Authorization for Stetson Engineers Inc. (Stetson) to prepare and submit an application on behalf of the IWVGA for the Proposition 68 grant solicitation at an estimated cost of \$27,000; and (2) Adopt a resolution for IWVGA to execute an agreement with the State of California for Proposition 68 grant funding.

Financial Impact:

Stetson Engineers estimates it will require a budget of approximately \$27,000 for preparation of the grant application. The Indian Wells Valley Water District will provide support to Stetson as in-kind services.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that your Board authorize Stetson Engineers to prepare the Proposition 68 grant application and adopt the attached Resolution 07-19.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 07-19


RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING

I, Lauren Duffy, Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, do certify that the following resolution, on motion of Director Page, seconded by Director Gleason, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at an official meeting this 17th day of October, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Gleason, Hayman, Kicinski, Page, Vallejo

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0


Secretary of the Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) The "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act" (SGMA) requires that the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin be managed under a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by no later than January 31, 2020; and

(b) The stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code Section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, and sub-basins, as defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) at a local level by providing local water supply, water management and land use agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

(c) Grant funding from DWR is available through Proposition 68 under the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant program for the development and implementation of GSPs; and

(d) The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) is eligible to receive funding, up to \$500,000, through submittal of an SGM grant program Application to DWR; and

(e) The SGM grant program Application was released on September 9, 2019 and is to be submitted to DWR on November 1, 2019; and

(f) The SGM grant program Application requires submittal of a Resolution adopted by the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority authorizing a representative to enter into an agreement with the State of California to receive grant funding.

Section 2. **THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, as follows:

1. This Board finds that the recited facts are true and that it has the jurisdiction to consider, approve, and adopt this Resolution.

2. The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Board of Directors approves submission of the Application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Planning – Round 3 Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) (Water Code, § 79700 et seq.), and/or the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resources Codes, § 80000 et seq.), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for projects, as defined by the California Department of Water Resources, under the 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program Planning – Round 3 Grant. The proposed projects include development of feasibility studies for implementing recycled water and imported water supply projects, preparation of pumping optimization and dust control mitigation studies, implementation of shallow well mitigation, implementation of pumping allocations, and/or implementation of additional conservation programs for the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin.

3. The General Manager of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.