



bay restoration commission

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Agenda Item: 3e

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Tom Ford, Executive Director

Re: Proposition 84 Update & Next Steps (Informational Item)

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

- None. Informational item only.

Background

Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, was passed by the voters of California on November 7, 2006. Proposition 84 allocated \$90 million to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to distribute for coastal water quality improvement projects pursuant to the Clean Beaches Program (PRC§30915). Of this amount, \$18 million was made available for projects that protect Santa Monica Bay beaches and coastal waters, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, and projects to protect and restore the Bay's marine, freshwater, and terrestrial habitats. Proposition 84 requires the SMBRC and the State Board to work together to ensure that all projects are consistent with Clean Beaches Program requirements. The SMBRC reviews projects and the Governing Board recommends to the State Board that it grant funds for appropriate projects. The SMBRC has released two Requests for Proposals (RFP) for projects to be funded by the Prop. 84 grant program in the past. The first RFP was released in 2008, and the second in January of 2011.

To date, the Governing Board has recommended 10 projects totaling \$9,220,500 to the State Board for funding. Grant agreements have been executed for 7 projects. A status update is attached to this report (Attachment 1). Two projects, Milton Street Park and Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street projects have been approved by the Governing Board since the 2011 RFP. After State Board administrative fees, the SMBRC has approximately \$7.2 million in Proposition 84 funds remaining

Next Steps

Since the last RFP was released, a new Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4 Permit) has been approved. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Permit was adopted November 8, 2012 by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and became effective December 28, 2012. The purpose of the Permit is to ensure the MS4s in Los Angeles County are not causing or contributing to exceedances of water quality objectives set to protect the beneficial uses in the

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receiving waters in the Los Angeles region. The Permit allows Permittees to customize their stormwater programs through the development and implementation of a Watershed Management Program (WMP) or an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) to achieve compliance with water quality objectives.

Staff is recommending that a new RFP be released that will assist responsible agencies in meeting the requirements of the 2012 MS4 Permit.

As in past SMBRC Proposition 84 RFPs all projects must be consistent with one or more goals outlined in the 2013 Bay Restoration Plan Update (Attachment 2) and meet the eligibility requirements of Proposition 84 (Attachment 3).

All projects should achieve additional benefits such as water supply and conservation, habitat restoration, and passive recreational opportunities.

Timeline

March 2015 – SMBRC issues Request for Proposals

April 2015 – Deadline for submitting proposals

May/June 2015 - SMBRC staff and CBSMB Task Force evaluate concept proposals

June/July 2015 - Evaluation results compiled and Recommended Project List developed and submitted to SMBRC Executive Committee

August 2015 - Recommended Project List is submitted to SMBRC Governing Board and State Water Board for approval

September 2015 – Begin process of developing work scopes and grant agreements.



Attachment 1 Prop 84 Status Update

Grantee	Project Title	Description	Award Amount	Status
City of Torrance	Stormwater Basin Enhancement	Improvements to three detention basins to comply with wet and dry weather TMDLs for Santa Monica Bay, and benefit wildlife habitat.	\$ 3,337,500	In construction
City of Manhattan Beach	Greenbelt Low Flow Infiltration	Storm drain diversion to divert year-round dry-weather low flows from city storm drain system.	\$ 500,000	Complete
City of Inglewood	Ballona Creek Trash Total Maximum Daily Load Catch Basin Inserts	Install full capture catch basin inserts within the Ballona Creek Watershed in the City of Inglewood	\$ 205,000	Complete pending final report
City of Santa Monica	In-line Storm Drain Runoff Infiltration Demo Project	Install stand-alone treatment and infiltration systems within existing storm drains and catch basins to reduce pollutants entering SMB.	\$ 300,000	Complete
City of Los Angeles	University Park Rain Gardens	Install a minimum of 35 rain gardens in the University Park area of Los Angeles.	\$ 510,000	Pre-construction planning
City of Calabasas	Trash Basin Project	Install full capture trash excluders on all public streets in the City of Calabasas in the Malibu Creek watershed.	\$ 168,000	Complete pending final report
County of Los Angeles	Oxford Basin	Basin enhancement to improve water quality, restore habitat, reduce flood risk, and improve aesthetics, and provide passive recreational opportunities.	\$ 2,000,000	Developing grant agreement
City of Los Angeles	Vermont Ave Project	Construction of a series of dry- and wet-weather BMPs along Vermont Corridor in South L.A. in the Ballona Creek watershed.	\$ 1,000,000	On hold
MRCA	Milton St. Park Project	Construction of BMPs to treat and infiltrate all dry- and a portion of wet-weather runoff along a 1,000' section of Milton Street in Los Angeles adjacent to Ballona Creek.	\$ 200,000	Pre-construction planning
NPS	Trancas Lagoon	Towards the acquisition and restoration of Trancas Lagoon in the City of Malibu.	\$ 1,000,000	On hold

Attachment 2:

Applicable Goals from The Bay Restoration Plan

Consistent with the purpose of Proposition 84, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant Program is to provide funds for capital projects that restore and protect the Bay's water quality and help to achieve one or more of the following goals in accordance with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan (BRP):

BRP Goal: Improve water quality through treatment or elimination of pollutant discharges regulated under the current federal and state framework.

BRP Goal: Improve water quality through pollution prevention and source control.

BRP Goal: Protect and enhance water quality through the restoration of wetlands, streams, and riparian zones.

BRP Goal: Protect public health through the achievement of zero beach closures and postings at Santa Monica Bay beaches.

Attachment 3.

Proposition 84 mandates that eligible projects must implement at least one of the following:

- 1) A project designed to improve water quality at public beaches and to make improvements for the purpose of ensuring that coastal waters adjacent to public beaches meet the bacteriological standards set forth in Article 2 (commencing with Section 115875) of Chapter 5 of Part 10 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 2) A project to make improvements to, or upgrades or conversions of, existing sewer collection systems and septic systems for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality.
- 3) A project designed to implement stormwater and runoff pollution reduction and prevention programs, or for the implementation of best management practices, for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality.
- 4) A project designed to implement or promote low-impact development for new or existing developments that will contribute to the improvement of water quality or reduce stormwater runoff.
- 5) A project designed to implement a stormwater resource plan prepared pursuant to Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 10560) of Division 6 of the Water Code.