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December 11, 2017 **Agenda Item: #3e**

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Proposition 84 Funding Adjustment for Ladera Park Water Quality Enhancement Project and Gates Canyon Park Project.

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

- Approve the funding adjustment recommendation for submission to the State Water Resources Control Board for final approval and execution

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) for coastal water quality improvement projects pursuant to the Clean Beaches Program (PRC§30915). Of this amount, $18 million was made available to the SMBRC 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 State Board to work together to ensure that all projects are consistent with Clean Beaches Program requirements.

To date, the SMBRC has released three Proposition 84 RFPs and recommended 13 projects totaling $17,688,777.53 to the State Board for funding. The SMBRC has $311,222.47 available for project recommendations.

Based on evaluation of project applications in response to the RFP released in November 2015, two Los Angeles County Department of Public Works projects were among the five projects recommended for Prop. 84 funding by the SMBRC at its October 20, 2016 meeting. These two projects, and the funding recommendations are;

- Ladera Park Water Quality Enhancement Project

The project is designed to reduce the amount of bacterial, toxic, and metal pollutants being discharged into Centinela Creek by capturing and infiltrating approximately 5.1 acre-feet of storm water and dry weather flows at Ladera Park. It consists of an underground infiltration gallery, and infiltration wells.

Estimated Project Cost (at time of the award): $9,600,000 Amount Recommended:

$1,700,000

- Gates Canyon Park Project

The project is designed to reduce the amount of bacterial, toxic, and metal pollutants being discharged into Las Virgenes Creek by capturing, treating, and infiltrating approximately 3.1 acre-feet of storm water and dry weather flows. It consists of a hydrodynamic separator treatment system, an underground cistern for storage, and infiltration dry wells located around the perimeter of Gates Canyon Park

Estimated Project Cost (at time of the award): $3,125,000
Amount Recommended: $1,200,000

Subsequent to the SMBRC award recommendation, the County revised both project cost estimates based on additional soil testing at the project sites. Cost for the Ladera Project increased from $9,600,000 to $10,020,231 to address poor infiltration rates with additional dry wells; cost for the Gates Project increased significantly from $3,125,000 to $9,000,000, mainly due to the inclusion of multiple dry wells. Concurrent with the SMBRC Prop. 84 grant applications, the County also applied for the State Board's Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP) and was awarded $4,835,000for the Ladera Project and $3,300,000for the Gates Project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To address the overlap from different funding sources (Prop 84 and Prop 1) and streamline grant management for both projects, SMBRC staff worked with State Board Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff and developed the following recommendations:

Rescind the $1,200,000 award recommendation to Gates Canyon Park project and increase the award recommendation to the Ladera Park project by the same $1,200,000. Additionally, augment the award recommendation to this project with the remaining $311,222.47 available for SMBRC Prop 84. This will bring the total SMBRC recommended Prop 84 award to the Ladera Park Project to $3,211,222.47. Accordingly, State Board will reduce the previously awarded funding ($4.835 million) for the Ladera project to $1,623,778 (Prop 84 funds). Once executed, SMBRC staff will manage the Ladera Park grant.

The Gates Canyon Park project will be funded entirely by the $3,300,000 awarded under the State Board's Prop 1 SWGP, and managed by State Board DFA staff. The County is currently working with SWRCB staff to revise the project scope and budget for the project.

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Rescind October 20, 2016 funding recommendation of $1,200,000 for Gates Canyon Park Project.
2. Augment Ladera Park project with the same $1,200,000.
3. Additional augmentation of $311,222.47 (remaining SMBRC Prop 84 funds) to Ladera Park project.