

# MONTEREY COUNTY

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**Re: Request for Third Amendment to Subgrant Agreement Between the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Related to Grant Agreement Number 4600014638**

Dear Ms. Harmon:

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) requests an amendment to its Subgrant Agreement with Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) for activities funded by SVBGSA's Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Grant Agreement No. 4600014638. This amendment request includes both an extension of time to complete three of the Components and an amendment to the total funds of some of the components.

As has been noted in the quarterly progress reports, there have been delays in completing Component 3, Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Distribution System Upgrades, Category (b) Task 1. Hydraulic Modeling. The subsequent tasks rely on completion of the model, which is now in its final phase of completion. There have also been delays in full completion of Component 7: Compliance Reporting and Data Expansion. Substantial progress has been made in this component which includes the development of an ordinance and supporting Groundwater Monitoring Program Manual. Additional time would ensure full completion of the tasks. Additionally, new tasks have been identified for MCWRA to perform related to Component 8: Implement Deep Aquifer Study Recommendations, and therefore, additional time is necessary for completion of that work. MCWRA requests a six-month extension to the subgrant agreement, with a final completion date of September 30, 2025, to ensure full completion of Components 3, 7 and 8.

MCWRA also requests some changes to the allocated funding of various tasks, with a total subgrant agreement funding increase of \$1,302. Specifically, MCWRA requests the following amendments to its subgrant agreement:

### **Exhibit A Work Plan Modifications**

#### **Component 3: Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Distribution System Upgrades**

- Modify Category (b) Task 3. Review Technical Studies/Basis of Design Technical Memorandum and

*The Water Resources Agency manages water resources sustainably while minimizing impacts from flooding for present and future generations.*

remove the following deliverables:

- Geotechnical Investigation Technical Memorandum
- Property Survey
- Modify Category (c) Task 7. Distribution System Booster Enhancements and remove the following deliverable:
  - Commissioning documentation by a qualified professional Record drawings/as-built drawings

#### **Component 8, Deep Aquifer Study Implementation**

- Add Task 1: Assess Implementation of Interim Local Management Options
  - Implement interim local management options in partnership with Monterey County, including staff development of recommended management actions, legal review and Board approval.
  - Deliverables:  
Interim Management Recommendations Memorandum
- Add Task 2: Development of Long-Term Local and Long-Term Regional Management Actions
  - Operationalize both local and regional management actions that will be recommended for immediate action which will include policy development, legal review, and Board approval.
  - Deliverables:  
Management Recommendations Memorandum  
Draft and Final Ordinance  
Monitoring Plan

#### **Exhibit B Budget Amendment Request** (see attachment for tabular details)

#### **Component 3: Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Distribution System Upgrades**

- Reduce the subgrant amount in Category (c) from \$1,387,000 to \$1,097,000
  - The removal of the site specific geotechnical and survey work results in a reduction of \$290,000. This reduction in the planning, design and environmental work will allow the MCWRA to enhance the implementation items in this component.
- Increase the subgrant amount in Category (b) from \$160,000 to \$450,000
  - The implementation of the CSIP Optimization Booster Pumps is progressing well. The time extension will allow for completion of the additional motor control work that was not previously being funded under this grant award due to long lead times. These efforts are now anticipated to be completed within the grant term.

#### **Component 5: Conduct Feasibility Study on Aquifer Storage and Recovery**

- Reduce the subgrant amount in Category (c) from \$45,000 to \$36,302
  - Return \$8,698 to SVBGSA for unspent funds. SVBGSA has informed MCWRA that no additional work is needed and therefore requested that this money be returned for their use on this Component.

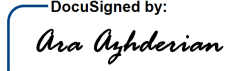
#### **Component 8, Deep Aquifer Study Implementation**

- Increase the subgrant amount of Category (b) from \$0 to \$10,000
  - Staff perform activities related to Task 1 (Assess Implementation of Interim Local Management Options) and on Task 2 (Development of Long-Term Local and Long-Term Regional Management Actions). Activities include coordinating with SVBGSA and other local agency partners on interim management recommendations and on developing the Monitoring Plan deliverable and review/comment on draft ordinance deliverable

We will gladly work with you to propose these changes to DWR prior to completing these requested subgrant amendments. Please reach out to Shaunna Murray, Deputy General Manager, at [MurraySL@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:MurraySL@countyofmonterey.gov), with any questions.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

cc: Sarah Hardgrave, SVBGSA Deputy General Manager  
Shaunna Murray, MCWRA Deputy General Manager

Encl: Attachment 1: Budget Amendment Request Table

## Attachment 1: Budget Amendment Request

| Components   | MCWRA Subgrant   | MCWRA Amendment 2 | MCWRA Amendment 3 | MCWRA Amended Total |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Component 1: Grant Agreement Administration</b>   |                  |                   |                   |                     |
| <b>Component 2: Dry Chlorine Scrubber Upgrade at Monterey One Water Recycled Water Plant</b>   |                  |                   |                   |                     |
| Category (c). Implementation/Construction  | 1,185,000        | 310,000           |                   | 1,495,000           |
| <b>Component 3: Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Distribution System Upgrades</b> |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (a): Component Administration   | 5,000            |                   |                   | 5,000               |
| Category (b): Planning / Design / Environmental  | 520,000          | 867,000           | (290,000)         | 1,097,000           |
| Category (c). Implementation/Construction  | 1,622,000        | (1,462,000)       | 290,000           | 450,000             |
| Category (d). Monitoring/Assessment  | 3,000            |                   |                   | 3,000               |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Component 4: Interested Parties Outreach and Engagement</b>                                 |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (a): Component Administration   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (e): Engagement/Outreach  |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Component 5: Conduct Feasibility Study on Aquifer Storage and Recovery</b>                  |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (a): Component Administration   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (b): Planning / Design / Environmental  | 45,000           |                   | (8,698)           | 36,302              |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Component 6: Demand Management Feasibility</b>  |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (a): Component Administration   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (b): Planning / Design / Environmental  |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (e): Engagement/Outreach  |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Component 7: Compliance Reporting and Data Expansion</b>                                    |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (a): Component Administration   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (b): Planning / Design / Environmental  |                  | 250,000           |                   | 250,000             |
| Category (c). Implementation/Construction  | 310,000          | (250,000)         |                   | 60,000              |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Component 8: Implement Deep Aquifer Study Recommendations</b>                               |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (a): Component Administration   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (b): Planning / Design / Environmental  |                  |                   | 10,000            | 10,000              |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Component 9: Seawater Intrusion Feasibility Study</b>                                       |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (a): Component Administration   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| Category (b): Planning / Design / Environmental  | 131,000          | (56,000)          |                   | 75,000              |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>3,821,000</b> | <b>(341,000)</b>  | <b>1,302</b>      | <b>3,481,302</b>    |