

Receive a report on the status of the California State Water Resources Control Board's Proposition 1 Grant for Protection of Domestic Drinking Water Supplies for the Lower Salinas Valley.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

On July 20, 2020 the Agency Board of Directors (BOD) received a report on formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for implementation of the Proposition 1 grant for Protection of Domestic Drinking Water Supplies for the Lower Salinas Valley (Project). At the same meeting, the BOD also found the Project categorically exempt from CEQA (Attachment 1). A Notice of Exemption for the Project will be filed with the County Clerk's office.

A Project kickoff meeting was held on July 23, 2020 with staff from the Agency and the State Water Resources Control Board to cover administrative aspects of the grant, such as reporting and invoicing procedures.

Staff continues efforts to finalize membership of the TAC and arrange for the first meeting, which will be held via Zoom on August 12, 2020. The purpose of the TAC is to provide review of scientific and technical project reports related to groundwater conditions and hydrogeology of the Project area, sampling and monitoring methodologies, and well destruction design plans.

Concurrent with TAC formation, staff is initiating public outreach for the Project. A page is being developed for the Project on the Agency's website. Public outreach, including opportunities for stakeholder input on the Project, will be ramping up in Fall 2020.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

State Water Resources Control Board

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact for receiving this report.

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Approved by: Brent Buche, General Manager

Attachments

1. Board Order 20-039



Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

County of Monterey, State of California

BOARD ORDER No. 20-039

RECEIVE A REPORT ON FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE)
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD PROPOSITION)
1 WELL DESTRUCTION GRANT; AND APPOINT PATRICK BREEN,)
ERIC TYNAN, ROGER VAN HORN, TO-BE-NAMED STAKEHOLDER)
X, AND TO-BE-NAMED STAKEHOLDER Y TO SERVE ON THE)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF)
THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD PROPOSITION)
1 WELL DESTRUCTION GRANT; AND FIND THE WELL DESTRUCTION)
WORK CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA)
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) UNDER TITLE 14)
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTIONS **15307** (PROTECTION)
OF NATURAL RESOURCES) AND **15308** (PROTECTION OF)
THE ENVIRONMENT))

Upon motion of Director LeBarre, seconded by Director Gonzalez, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Receive a report on formation of a Technical Advisory Committee for implementation of the State Water Resources Control Board Proposition 1 Well Destruction Grant; and
2. Appoint Patrick Breen, Eric Tynan, Roger Van Horn, to-be-named Stakeholder X, and to-be-named Stakeholder Y to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee for implementation of the State Water Resources Control Board Proposition 1 Well Destruction Grant; and
3. Find the well destruction work categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Title 14 California Code of Regulations sections 15307 (protection of natural resources) and 15308 (protection of the environment).

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **July 2019**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Directors Ortiz, Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, LeBarre, Smith and Simis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Scattini

BY: Richard Ortiz, Chair
Board of Directors

ATTEST: Brent Buche
General Manager