



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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Section Name: CONSENT CALENDAR
Project ID:

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-55 to authorize Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant Application for the Indio Subbasin

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, STEVE BIGLEY

GENERAL MANAGER
RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

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Adopt Resolution No. 2022-55 as required by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) authorizing the General Manager, or his designee, to submit a grant application to obtain funding under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program, Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Grant on behalf of the Indio Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and to enter into such funding agreements with DWR as may be necessary to receive a grant for the Indio Subbasin.

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

PROCUREMENT METHOD:

☒ N/A

BACKGROUND

The Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant solicitation opened October 4, 2022, for eligible applicants located within high and medium priority groundwater basins. The solicitation closes on November 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Round 2 will provide funding to GSAs and other responsible entities for construction projects and management actions required for the implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) or Alternative Plans in medium and high-priority basins. The Indio Subbasin, as a medium-priority basin with an approved Alternative Plan, is an eligible basin. The minimum and maximum grant award amounts per basin for the Round 2 solicitation are \$1 million and \$20 million, respectively. DWR will evaluate, score, and rank applications based on eligibility and other criteria as set forth in the SGM Grant Program SGMA Implementation Proposal Solicitation Package. A Draft Award List is tentatively scheduled to be released in May 2023.

The Indio Subbasin GSAs wish to submit an application for a Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant to support the implementation of high-priority water management projects in the Indio Subbasin. The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) will serve as the grant applicant on behalf of the GSAs. Projects submitted by CVWD, Desert Water Agency (DWA), Coachella Water Authority, and Indio Water Authority will be evaluated, scored, and ranked to select the most competitive projects and develop an application for the Indio Subbasin. The GSAs met on November 1, 2022, to select projects for the Indio Subbasin.

Grant application procedures established by DWR require the applicant to provide a copy of a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to file an application for a Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

On October 11, 2022, the Board of Directors of CVWD authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 12 to the Professional Services Agreement with Todd Groundwater, Inc. in the amount of \$95,440 to prepare applications for Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant for the Indio Subbasin and Mission Creek Subbasin.

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S)/OBJECTIVES(S):

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This is not a project as defined by CEQA; therefore, approval does not require any CEQA action.

LEGAL REVIEW

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Resolution No. 2022-55 for Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant for the Indio Subbasin