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June 21, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

24 June 21, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE  
AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR  
PROPOSITION 84, CHAPTER 2, PLANNING GRANT FUNDS AND  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH  
WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to accept \$1 million in grant funds from the California Department of Water Resources, as well as to provide authorization to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State, to update the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with West Basin to acquire and utilize services of a consultant to update the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; contribute \$105,000 as the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's contribution toward the update of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and find that these actions are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. These actions will enable the Greater Los Angeles County Region to improve regional water resources management practices, as well as qualify the Greater Los Angeles County Region for future grant funding for water resources-related projects.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Accept Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds from the California Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$1 million to fund, together with funding contributions from local agencies, the update of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
2. Adopt a Resolution to authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to enable the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to act as the administrator for the \$1 million Proposition 84 Planning Grant to update the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, and to delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to conduct business with the California Department of Water Resources on all matters related to this grant, including negotiating and executing an Agreement, signing any amendments, and requesting reimbursements.
3. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Basin Municipal Water District to provide for West Basin Municipal Water District, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to acquire and utilize the services of a consultant to update the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan using the Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds from the California Department of Water Resources.
4. Approve a contribution of \$105,000 payable to West Basin Municipal Water District as the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's contribution toward the update of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
5. Find that the funding and development of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan update is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program was created to encourage integrated regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water. The Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) IRWM Plan was adopted in 2006 and has not been updated since.

In November 2006, the voters of California enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), authorizing the Legislature to appropriate \$1 billion for the IRWM Program.

On September 14, 2010, under Agenda Item No. 31, your Board authorized the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to apply for Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds in addition to separate implementation grant funds. The LACFCD, on behalf of the GLAC Region, subsequently submitted a Planning Grant application for \$1 million to DWR. On April 11, 2011, DWR notified the LACFCD that it intended to award the GLAC Region their full grant request of \$1 million.

In order to receive the Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds, the LACFCD must enter into an Agreement with DWR. DWR expects to execute that Agreement in August 2011. In order to

expedite reimbursement, the LACFCD requests your Board to adopt a Resolution (Enclosure A) to delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee to execute the Agreement as well as any future amendments subject to County Counsel review and approval and carry out all necessary tasks associated with this grant.

The update of the GLAC IRWM Plan will require an estimated \$450,000 in addition to the funds received through the Proposition 84 Planning Grant. A number of local entities have made contribution pledges toward the \$450,000, including the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, Metropolitan Water District, County Sanitation Districts, Water Replenishment District, and West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin). The LACFCD's recommended contribution is \$105,000.

West Basin has agreed to issue a consultant services contract to update the GLAC IRWM Plan. The LACFCD, as the GLAC IRWM grant administrator, will negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with West Basin for West Basin to use the Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds from DWR to update the GLAC IRWM Plan. West Basin will submit to the LACFCD financial reports of expenditures eligible for reimbursement from DWR. The LACFCD will then invoice DWR for those funds. Upon reimbursement from DWR, the LACFCD will forward the funds to West Basin.

As with the Agreement with DWR, the LACFCD requests your Board to delegate authority to the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute this MOU with West Basin as well as any future amendments subject to County Counsel review and approval.

The acceptance of Proposition 84 Planning Grant funding and LACFCD's contribution toward the update of the GLAC IRWM Plan are exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this letter.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by utilizing a collaborative effort to implement projects and the Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by actively seeking grant funds to plan for projects that will improve the quality of life for communities within the region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The LACFCD's contribution toward additional funds necessary to update the GLAC IRWM Plan is \$105,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed Resolution, which is required by DWR, has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The final Grant Agreement with DWR will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee.

The MOU between the LACFCD and West Basin will provide for West Basin to issue a consultant services contract to update the GLAC IRWM Plan and for the Proposition 84 Planning Grant funding to pass from DWR, through the LACFCD, to West Basin. The MOU will be approved as to form by

County Counsel prior to execution by the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of State grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines require that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your review prior to conducting activities covered under this grant. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement for the Proposition 84 Planning Grant is enclosed (Enclosure B).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The funding and development of the updated GLAC IRWM Plan is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines. These exemptions provide for feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which have not been approved, adopted, or funded. The recommended actions do not involve the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities. Any project that may be proposed as a result of the revised GLAC IRWM Plan will undergo the appropriate environmental review and LACFCD would return to your Board for any necessary project approvals.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, LACFCD will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This effort to update the GLAC IRWM Plan enhances and facilitates partnerships among water resources, stormwater quality, and open space interests while improving the quality of life for ratepayers of the LACFCD.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

6/21/2011

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

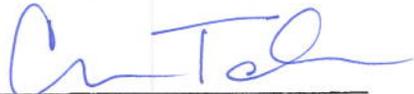
c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office



The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

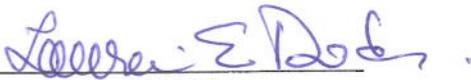


SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy

Enclosure B

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office  
Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Public Works

Grant Project Title and Description

Proposition 84, Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Planning Grant

Update the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) IRWM Plan.

Funding Agency

Dept. of Water Resources

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

IRWM

Grant Acceptance Deadline

TBD

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$1,000,000

County Match: N/A

Grant Period: Approximately 2 Years

Begin Date: 4/22/11

End Date: 2013

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes ___	No <u>X</u>
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes ___	No <u>X</u>
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes ___	No <u>X</u>
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will.		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes ___	No <u>X</u>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		
	Yes ___	No <u>X</u>
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes ___	No <u>X</u>

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

None.

Department Head Signature

Date:

6/2/11