



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: February 07, 2017

Date: January 26, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From:  Thomas K. Mattson, Public Works Director

Subject: Proposition 1, Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant Agreement and West Coast Watershed Professional Services Agreement

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Reviews the staff report and associated supporting documents;
2. Adopts the attached resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute a grant agreement in a form substantially similar to the attached agreement with the Department of Water Resources to support the North Coast Resource Partnership Outreach and Involvement: Tribal Engagement and Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities Program;
3. Authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute a professional services agreement with West Coast Watershed to perform associated consulting services in a form substantially similar to the attached professional services agreement after review by County Counsel and Risk Management;
4. Authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute any and all future amendments to the grant agreement and the professional services agreement with West Coast Watershed after review by County Counsel and Risk Management; and
5. Directs the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller to create a non-interest bearing trust account for an advance payment of grant funds associated with the aforementioned project.

Prepared by: Cybelle Immitt

CAO Approval: 

REVIEW:

Auditor: County Counsel: 

Human Resources: _____

Other: _____

TYPE OF ITEM:



☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor  Seconded by Supervisor Ayes:     

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Feb. 7, 2017

By: 

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Funding is provided by an award from the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR"), Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program authorized by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act ("Proposition 1").

DISCUSSION:

The North Coast Resource Partnership ("NCRP") was initiated in 2004 as a water management collaborative between the counties of Humboldt, Sonoma, Modoc, Mendocino, Trinity, Del Norte and Siskiyou. The NCRP is now a successful coalition of North Coast Counties and Tribes that has brought over 65 million dollars in highly competitive funding to the north coast region, with approximately 20 million dollars supporting planning and projects within Humboldt County. The Policy Review Panel ("PRP"), the governing body for the NCRP, is comprised of representatives from each of the seven NCRP counties and Tribal areas, and acts as the North Coast Regional Water Management Group. In 2005, the PRP designated the County of Humboldt as the Regional Contract Administrator for the NCRP.

Proposition 1 was approved by California voters on November 4, 2014, and authorized the appropriation of 510 million dollars in Integrated Regional Water Management ("IRWM") grant funds that were allocated to 12 hydrologic region-based funding areas. The North Coast Funding Area was allocated 26.5 million dollars of the Proposition 1 appropriation, and \$2,650,000 (i.e., 10%) of such funding may be used to support the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program to ensure the involvement of regional disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas and underrepresented communities in water management activities. These planning funds are being awarded on a non-competitive basis, but did require a "proposal" outlining the scope of the project and an estimated budget. On October 21, 2016, the NCRP PRP gave explicit authority to the County of Humboldt to submit the NCRP Outreach and Involvement: Tribal Engagement & Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities Program ("Outreach and Involvement Program") proposal and enter into the associated grant agreement with the state on behalf of the NCRP. The proposal was submitted on December 12, 2016, and accepted as final by DWR on December 14, 2016. Staff is now requesting that the Board authorize the Director of Public Works to administer the award of \$2,650,000 to fund the three-year NCRP Outreach and Involvement Program.

In addition, Staff is requesting that the Board authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a professional services agreement for consulting services related to the NCRP Outreach and Involvement Program with West Coast Watershed ("WCW") in a form substantially similar to the attached professional services agreement. WCW has been a long-term NCRP partner, providing planning services through development of the North Coast IRWM Plan, providing technical support for project proponents, responding to calls for proposals for NCRP funding opportunities, preparing funding applications and providing staff support to the NCRP governing and technical bodies since its inception in 2004. WCW is an integral part of the NCRP and deserve much of the credit for the NCRP being among the top five percent of successful proposals during 13 competitive statewide rounds for planning and implementation funding. WCW's work on this project was written into the proposal and, upon approval of a professional services agreement, work associated with this project will be accomplished by WCW and their sub-contractors with NCRP guidance and in partnership with the County of Humboldt as the grant recipient and administrator. On October 28, 2014, the Board approved a similar agreement with WCW to perform consultant service for tasks included in the Strategic Growth Council Grant, *North Coast Integrated Regional Planning: Healthy Communities, Functional Watersheds and Vibrant Economies*. Note that the attached professional services agreement is retro-dated to January 22, 2016, which is the effective date of the Proposition 1 allocation to the North Coast Funding Area. Eligible costs incurred since the effective date supported WCW's involvement in the NCRP Outreach and Involvement Program proposal preparation and project startup coordination.

Water Code Section §10551 authorizes advance payments for certain projects and County staff, on behalf of the NCRP, requested three advance payments which, per grant guidelines, must be held in a non-interest bearing account. For that reason, the Board is being asked to authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to create a non-interest bearing trust account to receive these funds when they are provided by DWR.

The scope of work for this Outreach and Involvement Program was developed to address the findings and incorporate the lessons learned from a recently completed pilot program to support water and wastewater service providers in economically disadvantaged communities (http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/app_pages/view/7970).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended actions will not impact the County General Fund. Accepting these grant funds will bring \$2,650,000 of state funding into the north coast region over a three year period (over \$190,000 of which is allocated to cover County staff time). Staff expects that \$895,000 of the above-referenced grant funding will be spent in the 2016-17 fiscal year and is already budgeted for in the approved Natural Resources-Planning budget (revenue account 1720289-526031).

The services provided through this project will advance three of the County's core roles (provide for and maintain infrastructure, create opportunities for improved safety and health, and protect vulnerable populations).

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

North Coast Resource Partnership, Department of Water Resources

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to accept these grant funds. However, the many benefits to economically disadvantage communities throughout the north coast region will not be realized if these funds are turned away.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute the Proposition 1 Grant Agreement
- Attachment 2: Proposition 1 Grant Agreement
- Attachment 3: Professional Service Agreement with West Coast Watershed

Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Director to
Execute the Proposition 1 Grant Agreement

ATTACHMENT 1

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT: TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, the voters of California approved the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act ("Proposition 1"), which authorized the appropriation of 510 million dollars in Integrated Regional Water Management grant funds that were allocated to 12 hydrologic region-based funding areas; and


WHEREAS, the North Coast Funding Area was allocated 26.5 million dollars of the Proposition 1 appropriation, and \$2,650,000 (i.e., 10%) of such funding may be used to support the North Coast Resource Partnership Outreach and Involvement: Tribal Engagement & Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the County of Humboldt was designated as the Regional Contract Administrator for the North Coast Resource Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposal filed with the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program grant authorized by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act (Proposition 1); and
2. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby approves entering into an agreement to receive a grant for the North Coast Resource Partnership Outreach and Involvement: Tribal Engagement and Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities Program; and
3. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, or their designee, of the Humboldt County Department of Public Works to execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources to support the North Coast Resource Partnership Outreach and Involvement: Tribal Engagement and Economic Opportunity for Disadvantaged Communities Program.

Dated: February 7, 2017



VIRGINIA BASS, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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Adopted on motion by Supervisor Sundberg, seconded by Supervisor Fennell, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	--
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



By ANA HARTWELL
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California