



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Authorizing the Humboldt County Department of Public Works to Apply for, Accept and Administer, on behalf of the North Coast Resource Partnership, Proposition 1, Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Funding Made Available by the California Department of Water Resources

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Humboldt County Department of Public Works Director, or a designee thereof, to apply for, accept and administer, on behalf of the North Coast Resource Partnership, Proposition 1, Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant funding made available by the California Department of Water Resources; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a fully executed certified copy of the attached resolution to the Humboldt County Department of Public Works for submission to the California Department of Water Resources.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Natural Resources Planning (1720 289), Grant Funds authorized by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (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 One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) in highly competitive funding to the north coast region, with over Thirty-Seven Million Dollars (\$37,000,000.00) supporting planning and implementation projects within Humboldt County. The Policy Review Panel, the governing body for the NCRP, is comprised of representatives from each of the seven (7) NCRP counties and Tribal areas, and acts as the North Coast Regional Water Management Group. In 2005, the NCRP Policy Review Panel designated the County of Humboldt as the Regional Contract Administrator for the NCRP.

On November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 1, which authorized the appropriation of

Five Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$510,000,000.00) in Integrated Regional Water Management Grant funds that were allocated to twelve (12) hydrologic region-based funding areas. The North Coast Funding Area was allocated a total of Twenty-Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,500,000.00) of the Proposition 1 appropriation, and Twenty-One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$21,200,000.00) of such funding may be used to support implementation projects. Sixty percent (60%) of the grant funds may be used to fund projects for Round 1 of the program.

In April 2019, the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) released a proposal solicitation package for Proposition 1, Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant funding. Applications for such funding are due September 6, 2019. The NCRP is preparing an application package with twenty (20) proposed projects for a total grant amount of Twelve Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$12,720,000.00), which includes a six percent (6%) share to the County of Humboldt for grant administration. Projects were selected through an open and competitive solicitation process. The recommended suite of projects includes projects in Humboldt County sponsored by Sanctuary Forest Inc., the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, the Mattole Restoration Council, the Yurok Tribe, the Fieldbrook Glendale Community Services District, the Briceland Community Services District, the City of Ferndale, and the City of Trinidad. In order for the County of Humboldt to apply for, accept and administer Proposition 1, Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant funding, on behalf of the NCRP, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors must adopt the attached resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Once Proposition 1, Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant funding has been awarded by DWR, and formally accepted by the County of Humboldt, a supplemental budget request will be processed in the amount of Twelve Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$12,720,000.00); over Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) of which will be allocated to the Natural Resources Planning budget unit (1720 289) to support the grant administration and cover associated expenses. The General Fund Contribution approved by the Board (1720 289 707080) will be used to cover limited expenses that cannot be reimbursed from the grant.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors’ Strategic Framework by providing for and maintaining infrastructure, creating opportunities for improved safety and health and protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Department of Water Resources and the North Coast Resource Partnership

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Authorizing the Humboldt County Department of Public Works to Apply For, Accept and Administer, on Behalf of the North Coast Resource Partnership, Proposition 1, Round 1

Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Funding Made Available by the California Department of Water Resources.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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