

Agenda Item: 14E
Meeting Date: June 8, 2005

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ADOPT THE SANTA MONICA BAY
RESTORATION COMMISSION GRANT PROGRAM COMPETITIVE PROJECT LIST**

Summary: This resolution recommends that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopt the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission's (Commission) Competitive Project List (CPL) for Proposition 50 grant funds and review and approve grant commitments as projects are approved by the Commission's Governing Board.

Recommended Action: The Authority adopt the attached Resolution 05-06-05, recommending that the SWRCB adopt the Commission's CPL for Proposition 50 grant funds and review and approve grant commitments as projects are approved by the Commission's Governing Board.

Background

The SWRCB administers grant funds from Proposition 50, the *Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002*. Chapter 5, Section 79543 of Proposition 50 designates \$20 million specifically for implementation of priority actions specified in the *Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan* (Plan). The Plan was adopted by the Bay Watershed Council in 2002, and specifies actions to help improve and protect water quality in Santa Monica Bay (Bay). Eighteen million dollars (\$18 million) has been appropriated from Section 79543. The Commission is responsible for assisting in the development, selection, and oversight of projects in the Bay's watershed funded by Proposition 50. Public agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible for these grant funds.

The Commission is authorized to recommend projects to the SWRCB that will help achieve the following Plan priorities (asterisks denote the highest priorities in the Plan):

Pollution Control Priorities

- *Zero dry-weather beach closures at Bay beaches by 2005.
- *Installation of storm water/infiltration devices at high priority sites to achieve significant load reductions for pollutants of concern.
- *A 50 percent reduction of trash to the Bay by 2006.
- A 50 percent reduction in advisory postings at Bay beaches.
- End-of-channel/tributary trash capture devices installed at all feasible sites by 2006.
- Elimination of all excess flows into Malibu Creek.
- A 90 percent reduction of trash to the Bay by 2010.

Habitat Restoration Priorities

- *A 20 percent increase in kelp canopy within the Bay.
- *Restoration of Ballona Wetlands.
- *Restoration of Malibu Lagoon.
- A 20 percent increase in wetland/coastal habitat acres (lagoons, marshes, intertidal, dunes) restored by 2006.
- Restoration of 100 acres of native watershed habitats (riparian/streambank) located within a 200-foot buffer zone of local waterbodies by 2006.
- An increase of 20 miles of potential steelhead habitat.

In addition to meeting one or more of the objectives specified above, all projects receiving grants from Section 79543 of Proposition 50 must meet the requirements of the Coastal Nonpoint Source Control Program (Chapter 7, Division 26 of the Water Code commencing with Section 79148).

During early fall 2004, Commission staff initiated the selection and funding process. This included the establishment of a schedule and release of a Request for Proposals (RFP). A workshop for potential applicants was held on December 16, 2004, and applicants were given until January 31, 2005 to submit proposals for consideration.

As of January 31, 2005, the Commission received the following in response to its RFP:

- Number of project proposals submitted: 40
- Pollution control projects: 28
- Habitat restoration projects: 12
- Number of agencies and organizations submitting proposals: 17
- Total requested funds: \$45.3 million
- Total matching funds: \$49.6 million

From February 28, 2005 to March 11, 2005, six Commission staff members and ten reviewers from outside organizations (NOAA, SWRCB, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, City of Culver City, City of Santa Monica, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Heal the Bay, and SGA Inc. (a private consultant)) evaluated and ranked the proposals. Most proposals were reviewed by at least six reviewers; no proposal received fewer than five evaluations. Although the questions on the evaluation forms differed depending on the nature of the proposal (Habitat Restoration or Pollution Control), all proposals were evaluated according to the same basic criteria: Long-term Benefit to Santa Monica Bay, Project Feasibility, Qualifications of the Applicant, and Other Benefits to the Bay (educational, recreational, etc.) and how well the proposal addressed the requirements of the RFP.

At the completion of the review period, Commission staff compiled scores and comments, assigned preliminary rankings, and scheduled a Review Panel meeting to determine final selections and rankings for the CPL. The Review Panel met on March 24, 2005. At the Review Panel meeting, panel members determined that the nineteen (19) top ranked proposals (those with the highest average scores) merited

automatic placement on the CPL. The top 19 proposals will require all of the \$18 million currently available for implementation. The Review Panel also determined that 11 other proposals merited placement on the CPL, but that funding for these additional proposals should be contingent on the availability of additional funds from a subsequent appropriation or from a higher ranked proposal being rejected for funding. Finally, the Review Panel recommended that conditions be included on several of the proposed projects such as reducing or expanding the scopes of work or reducing the amount of the grant.

The CPL was submitted and approved by the Commission's Governing Board at its April 14, 2005 meeting. The Governing Board chose to adopt the CPL without the rankings and comments recommended by the Review Panel. The Governing Board chose instead to review and approve each full proposal before a grant commitment is made to the project. The CPL is provided with this Resolution as "Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Proposition 50 Grant Program Competitive Project List."

Commission staff has notified applicants of their placement on the CPL. All applicants have been notified that placement on the CPL is not a commitment by the Commission or the SWRCB to fund their projects, and funds will be committed to projects only after submittal, thorough review, and approval of a full proposal. Commission staff has begun working with applicants to develop their full proposals; full proposals are due on or before June 30, 2005. The Commission Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) or a TAC subcommittee will assist staff in the development of full proposals and provide technical input where appropriate. From August through November 2005, grant commitments will be given to individual projects until the available funds are committed. The Governing Board of the Commission must approve all full proposals for a grant commitment before funds are committed.

The SWRCB will consider adopting this CPL for Proposition 50 grant funds at its Board meeting on June 16, 2005.

The SWRCB is requesting that the Authority recommend that the SWRCB adopt the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Competitive Project List for Proposition 50 grant funds and review and approve grant commitments as they are approved by the Commission's Governing Board.

Fiscal Information

Funding Source: Proposition 50, Water Code, Division 26.5, Chapter 5, Section 79543
Term: July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006
Total Amount: \$18,000,000 appropriated but uncommitted to projects

List of Attachments

Attachment 1 -- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Proposition 50 Competitive
Project List
Resolution 05-06-05

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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Proposition 50 Grant Program Competitive Project List

Applicant	Title	Description	Funds Requested Total	Match Contribution
California State Coastal Conservancy	Malibu Lagoon Restoration	Implementation of Malibu Lagoon restoration plan.	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,975,000.00
National Park Service	Solstice Creek Watershed Restoration for Steelhead Trout	Removal of in-stream barriers and revegetation along Solstice Creek.	\$78,366.00	\$515,000.00
City of Culver City	Culver City's City-wide BMP Treatment Train	Muti-tiered, city-wide BMPs. Catch basin inserts, trash & recycling receptacles, water brooms, tree trimming, biofiltration, irrigation improvements.	\$1,830,000.00	\$73,000.00
City of Santa Monica	Green St. Urban Runoff Treatment	Installation of pervious pavers, porous concrete, biofiltration swales along portion of Bicknell Ave. (Ashland Ave. Drain)	\$650,000.00	\$150,000.00
Mountains Restoration Trust	Malibu Creek Enhancement - Arundo donax Removal	Removal of arundo donax along Malibu Creek.	\$52,785.00	\$24,522.00
City of Santa Monica	Multi-stage Urban Runoff Infiltration	Dry & wet weather three-stage BMP treatment system for 16th St. basin.	\$830,000.00	\$625,000.00
City of Santa Monica	Dry-Wet Weather Urban Runoff Diversion and BMP Project	Two-stage dry & wet weather treatment systems for Wilshire and Montana basins.	\$900,000.00	\$2,167,000.00
National Park Service	Restoration of Medea Creek	Removal of pepperweed along Medea Creek	\$19,820.00	\$65,946.00
City of Redondo Beach	Sapphire Storm Drain Low Flow Diversion	Low-flow infiltration & diversion system at Sapphire St.	\$202,000.00	\$98,000.00
Heal the Bay	Steelhead and Stream Restoration in the Santa Monica Mountains	Removal of two Arizona crossings, notching of a dam, removal of invasive vegetation and replacement with natives on Arroyo Sequit.	\$2,850,000.00	\$150,000.00
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation	Grand Blvd. Tree Wells	Installation of 15 storm water infiltration devices along Kinney and Grand Blvds. In the Venice area.	\$350,000.00	\$70,000.00
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation	Baldwin Hills to Ballona Creek Trail Infiltration	Creation of a series of "depression basins" to infiltrate dry and wet weather (1st inch) flow and a pedestrian/bike trail from Baldwin Hills to Ballona Creek..	\$2,400,000.00	\$600,000.00
National Park Service	Removal of Creekside Avocado Orchard in Zuma Canyon	Removal of creekside avocado orchard and revegetation with natives in Zuma Canyon.	\$107,404.00	\$218,865.00
L.A. County Flood Control District	Project No. 3872 - Low Flow Diversion at Berkely Dr. & Carter Ave.	Design & construction of low-flow diversion system at Berkeley & Carter and installation of 28 Filterra systems.	\$1,020,000.00	\$45,000.00
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation	Imperial Hwy Sunken Median	Retrofit portion of Imperial Hwy. with sunken median and vegetated swale to treat dry and wet weather flows.	\$240,000.00	\$60,000.00
City of Manhattan Beach	Bryant Sump Low Flow Diversion	Low-flow diversion and infiltration, Bryant Pl.	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00

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L.A. County Flood Control District	Santa Monica Bay Watershed Catch Basin Trash Excluders	Design & installation of approx. 500 catch basin trash excluders throughout watershed.	\$1,000,000.00	\$300,000.00
L.A. County Flood Control District	Project No. 3874 - Low Flow Diversion at Boone-Olive Pump Station	Design & construction of low-flow diversion system at Boone-Olive pump station.	\$210,000.00	\$45,000.00
L.A. County Flood Control District	Project No. 286 - Low Flow Diversion at 28th St.	Design & construction of low-flow diversion near 28th St. in Manhattan Beach.	\$715,000.00	\$165,000.00
L.A. County Flood Control District	Trancas Canyon Urban Runoff Biofiltration Project	Design & construction of 14 storm water bioretention/filtration systems along Trancas Canyon.	\$529,000.00	\$126,000.00
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation	Mar Vista Recreation Center Retrofit	Divert dry and wet (first flush) flows from Sawtelle Channel to Mar Vista recreation area for treatment, storage, infiltration, and reuse.	\$4,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
L.A. County Flood Control District	Project 5243 - Low Flow Diversion at Washington Blvd.	Low flow diversion and 10 Filterra systems at Washington & Thatcher.	\$1,105,000.00	\$45,000.00
North East Trees	Ballona Creek Mid-City Pollution Control Retrofit	BMP demonstration project in residential neighborhood. Vegetated filter strips, multi-stage treatment devices, etc.	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00
Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors	Malibu Lagoon / Surfrider Beach - Parking Lot BMP Improvements	Malibu - Surfrider Beach parking lot BMPs	\$537,219.00	\$20,000.00
City of Manhattan Beach	Voorhees Sump Low Flow Diversion	Low-flow diversion and infiltration, Voorhees Ave.	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00
L.A. County Flood Control District	Marie Canyon Urban Runoff Treatment Project	Design & construction of multi-stage dry weather treatment system for Marie Canyon storm drain.	\$830,000.00	\$180,000.00
City of Calabasas	Las Virgenes Creek Naturalization	Remove concrete and replace with bioengineered materials along a portion of L.V. Creek.	\$490,000.00	\$35,000.00
City of Malibu	Malibu Civic Center Land Acquisition	Acquire land for construction of wastewater treatment facility, storm water retention basins and treatment wetlands.	\$5,000,000.00	\$38,243,000.00
Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains	Go Wild: Nativescaping in Backyards and Schools	Landscaping schools and residences with native plants.	\$699,200.00	\$77,900.00
City of Manhattan Beach	Pervious Beach Parking Lots	Infiltration through pervious pavement at 13 parking lots.	\$1,080,000.00	\$200,000.00

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RESOLUTION 05-06-05

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WHEREAS, the *Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 50) was adopted by the voters in November 2002 and designated \$20 million specifically for implementation of priority actions in the *Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan* (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the State Budget of 2003/2004 appropriated \$18 million from Proposition 50 to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to implement priority actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB has authorized the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Commission) to recommend projects to the SWRCB that will help implement priority actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Governing Board is the governing body of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken a process to solicit and review project proposals that achieve specific goals and priorities of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Governing Board adopted the Competitive Project List (Resolution No. 05-07) at its April 14, 2005 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Competitive Project List has been forwarded to the SWRCB for adoption at its June 16, 2005 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB staff anticipates that some projects that will be funded will potentially assist in meeting the goals and objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program; and

WHEREAS, the Water Code calls for review by the California Bay-Delta Authority of Proposition 50 projects that are located within the CALFED Solution Area and wholly or partially assist in the fulfillment of one or more of the goals of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, to determine if they are consistent with the CALFED Record of Decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority recommends that the SWRCB adopt the Commission's Competitive Project List for Proposition 50 grant funds and review and approve grant commitments as projects are approved by the Commission's Governing Board.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Assistant to the California Bay-Delta Authority does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Bay-Delta Authority held on June 8, 2005.

Dated: _____

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