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Agenda Item No. **I-17**

Reviewed By: City Manager *KED*

City Attorney *MA*

Finance *JGC*

Public Works *WJP*

DATE: May 23, 2008

TO: City Council

FROM: Mark Norris, Assistant Public Works Director
Public Works Department, Utilities Services Branch *Mark Norris*

SUBJECT: Application for United States Bureau of Reclamation CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grant

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council adopt a resolution ratifying the City Manager's submission of an application for \$300,000 in United States Bureau of Reclamation ("USBR") CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grant Program funds to be used for the design phase of the Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment ("GREAT") Program's Blending Station No. 3 Desalter Facility ("Desalter No. 3").

DISCUSSION

The mission of the USBR, a participant in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the public. The Bay-Delta Program includes strategies to address ecosystem health, water supply reliability and water quality.

Water use efficiency is a critical element in the successful implementation of the CALFED Program. The USBR posted a Request for Funding Opportunity to agricultural and urban entities for cost-share funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 for water use efficiency and conservation activities. USBR can fund up to 50% of approved projects, not exceeding \$300,000. To be eligible for financial assistance, a proposed activity must have a defined relationship to the California Bay-Delta ("Bay-Delta").

The Public Works Department Water Resources Division staff believes Desalter No. 3 to be consistent with CALFED's objective to reduce demand for imported water from the Bay-Delta. Desalter No. 3 will enable Oxnard to utilize local groundwater resources, reducing its reliance on increasingly scarce and comparatively expensive imported State surface water. This yields mutually beneficial results to Oxnard water consumers and the Bay-Delta system in the long-run, stabilizing the cost of potable water and decreasing reliance on Bay-Delta water supplies.

The focus of this application for grant funding is on the design of Desalter No. 3. The ultimate goal of the design project is to deliver a set of contract documents that will enable Oxnard to bid, construct, and eventually operate the groundwater desalination facility.

The City Manager requests that the City Council ratify his submission of a grant application. Ratification is necessary because of the short timeline created by the recent release of the grant advertisement and because there were no City Council meetings the last two weeks of May 2008. The City Manager submitted the grant application by the filing deadline, June 2, 2008, as required by the terms of the grant-funding agency, USBR.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The approximate total cost of the design phase of Desalter No. 3 is \$1,500,000. If the \$300,000 grant is awarded, the remaining \$1,200,000 will be funded from the series 2004 and 2006 Water Revenue Bonds.

AE:mdt

Attachment #1 – City Council Resolution

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD
RATIFYING SUBMITTAL OF A UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
CALFED WATER USE EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 12,053 sets out the procedure by which the City Manager may submit grant applications, following approval by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager requests that City Council ratify the submittal of an application by June 2, 2008, to the United States Bureau of Reclamation ("USBR") for \$300,000 in CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grant Program funds, to be used for the design phase of the Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment Program's Blending Station No. 3 Desalter Facility ("Desalter No. 3").

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves:

1. To ratify the City Manger's submittal of a grant application to the USBR for \$300,000 in CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grant Program funds for the design of Desalter No. 3.
2. To authorize the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements; the Chief Financial Officer to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds; and the Public Works Director to submit non-financial reports.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

Gary L. Gillig, City Attorney