

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 13
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: July 18, 2007
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Water Utilities Department
SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A PROPOSITION 50 CLEAN BEACH GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE LOWER SAN LUIS REY RIVER BACTERIA SOURCE TRACKING STUDY PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff and the Utilities Commission recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing entering into a Proposition 50 Clean Beach Grant Program Agreement with the State of California and designating the City Manager to sign the agreement and any amendments thereto for the Lower San Luis Rey River Bacteria Source Tracking Study project at the Lower San Luis Rey River and the San Luis Rey River mouth.

BACKGROUND

The Lower San Luis Rey River and river mouth currently suffer from elevated bacterial levels negatively impacting water quality in the river mouth and the adjacent shoreline. In 2005, this beach area was posted due to bacterial exceedance 209 days; 186 days were during one consecutive stretch. The City of Oceanside has been sampling the San Luis Rey River since 1994 to determine the source or sources of the bacterial exceedance. Thus far, the results are inconclusive. One potential source is from birds that frequent a sand island in the river mouth. During low tides when the island is not submerged hundreds of birds are found on the island. When tidal influx causes the island to be submerged, the bird waste is washed from the island and is released into the river mouth flow. It is theorized that this may contribute to bacterial exceedance in the coastal mixing zone.

ANALYSIS

On January 30, 2007, the City of Oceanside Water Utilities Department submitted a grant application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), to partially fund a comprehensive bacteria source identification project along the San Luis Rey River within the City of Oceanside. This project has been recommended for funding by the SWRCB, which is currently accepting documents from the City of Oceanside to finalize the grant agreement.

The Lower San Luis Rey River Bacteria Source Tracking Study project proposes to use multi-tiered testing methods to “fingerprint” the types of bacteria that are collected and analyzed from seven locations along the river, including the river mouth. Oceanside currently collects bacterial samples at these seven sites. This grant will fund the multi-tiered analysis approach to determine the source of the bacteria. Once these sources are definitively established, methods to eliminate the input of these sources will be evaluated.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is \$554,375 and the terms of the grant require matching funds. The Water Utilities Department’s cost-matching share of \$25,000 will come from the Clean Water Program adopted budget (711.666771.5229) for fiscal year 2007-2008. The remaining \$116,750 will be in-kind services between the County of San Diego and the City of Oceanside for project development and oversight, for a project total of \$696,125. Funding of this grant does not take place until the agreement between SWRCB and the City of Oceanside is executed.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Utilities Commission approved staff’s recommendation at its regular scheduled meeting on June 19, 2007.

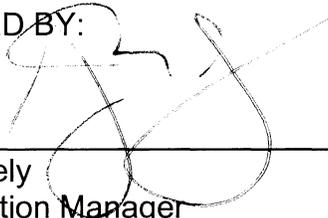
CITY ATTORNEY’S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATIONS

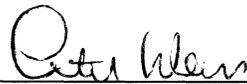
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PREPARED BY:



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Administration Manager

SUBMITTED BY:



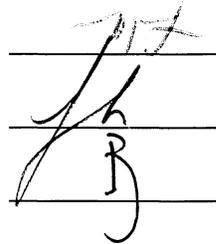
Peter A. Weiss
Interim City Manager

REVIEWED BY:

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Lonnie Thibodeaux, Water Utilities Director

Paul Bussey, Interim Financial Services Director



1 RESOLUTION NO. _____

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A
4 PROPOSITION 50 CLEAN BEACH GRANT PROGRAM
5 AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND
6 DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN THE
7 AGREEMENT, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, FOR
8 THE LOWER SAN LUIS REY RIVER BACTERIA SOURCE
9 TRACKING STUDY PROJECT

10 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside applied for a Proposition 50 Clean Beach grant to
11 conduct the Lower San Luis Rey River Bacteria Source Tracking Study Project (Project) at the
12 Lower San Luis Rey River and the San Luis Rey River mouth;

13 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside was awarded Proposition 50 Clean Beach Grant
14 Program funding for the Project by the State of California acting by and through the State
15 Water Resources Control Board;

16 WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board requires a resolution authorizing
17 the City to enter into an Agreement with the State of California for the Project and designating
18 the City Manager to act as signatory for the City to enter into the Agreement, and any
19 amendments thereto, for the Project; and

20 WHEREAS, the Project shall demonstrate the capability of contributing to sustained
21 long term water quality or environmental restoration or protection benefits for a minimum
22 period of 20 years after completion of the San Luis Rey River Bacteria Source Tracking Study
23 Project.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as
25 follows:

26 SECTION 1. The City of Oceanside is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement
27 with the State of California for the Lower San Luis Rey River Bacteria Source Tracking Study
28 Project; and

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1 SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement, and any
2 amendments thereto.

3 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
4 this 18th day of July, 2007, by the following vote:

- 5 AYES:
- 6 NAYS:
- 7 ABSENT:
- 8 ABSTAIN:
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

11 ATTEST:
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14 CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amber Hamilton, ASST.

CITY ATTORNEY