

Attachment 1 Authorization and Eligibility Requirements

***Is the applicant a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the 2012 Guidelines?
Please explain.***

Yes, the City of Carpinteria is a Local Public Agency.

What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?

The City of Carpinteria was incorporated as a general law City September 28, 1965, and operates as such. The City has the authority and responsibility to maintain and improve public right-of-way, which includes maintaining and improving flood conditions and water quality.

Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?

Yes, the City of Carpinteria has legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California, as stated in Resolution No. 5429, attached as Appendix 1.

Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.

For purposes of developing the first IRWM Plan in 2006, the City of Carpinteria and members of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG or Cooperating Partners) entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Since then, RWMG members have updated the MOU annually and re-entered into these contractual agreements through the MOU process. Each member of the RWMG must review the MOU and take it to their respective Boards, Councils, etc. These MOU agreements ensure the performance of proposals and tracking of funds.

GWMP Compliance

The proposed project is a surface water treatment project, although it may have a slight positive impact on local groundwater quality. Runoff will be filtered and infiltrated through the Low Impact Development elements of the project, the permeable parking and bioretention swale. The City of Carpinteria consents to be subject to the Carpinteria Valley Water Districts GWMP, adopted via Carpinteria Valley Water District Board Resolution No. 670 in August 1996.

Project Consistency with an adopted IRWM Plan

The Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) is currently in the process of being updated, and is expected to be completed in early 2013. The Ash Avenue Improvements Project is consistent with the 2007 Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan, and was added to the project list in March 2010. The project was added to the project list through submittal of a project application during the selection process for the first round of funding for Proposition 84. The City elected not to submit this project for funding at that time, as a match funding source had not been identified.

The proposed project was added to the IRWM Plan after adoption and through the review process held from August 2012 to November 2012, under the name ‘City of Carpinteria LID Parking’. The review was conducted in accordance with procedures in the region’s adopted plan. The plan states that the Cooperating Partners (RWMG) will conduct a biennial review of the IRWM Plan and evaluate Santa Barbara IRWM Plan’s objectives, priorities, water management strategies, and project lists. The IRWM Plan also commits the Cooperating Partners to modifying the aforementioned Plan elements as appropriate. Specifically, the 2007 IRWM Plan describes the implementation of the adaptive management framework (see pp. 10-1 and 10-2 in the IRWM Plan) as follows:

The IRWMP’s overall adaptive management framework will be implemented in the following manner in accordance with the established governance practices described in Section 1:

- 1. IRWMP managers will conduct a biennial review and produce a 5-year report summarizing progress made in achieving IRWMP goals, including the tracking of funded projects, modifications to projects, and development of new projects as a result of the plan. The results of the biennial review and the 5-year report will be posted on the IRWMP Web site (<http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/water/irwmp.htm>). The performance of implemented projects will be compared to original project objectives to ensure objectives were met.*
- 2. IRWMP objectives, priorities, and water management strategies will be evaluated during the biennial review and modified appropriately. The need to develop different projects to better meet the plan objectives and regional issues will be considered, as will the need to modify existing projects. Projects that may be deleted (for example, because their purpose has been met through another project or because conditions have changed) also will be considered at this time.*
- 3. Minor adjustments to planning assumptions, operations, or actions will be adopted as necessary. If significant changes to the approved IRWMP are found to be required in the biennial review or the 5-year IRWMP report, the plan will be revised and submitted for approval by Cooperating Partners as necessary.*

The Ash Avenue Project is consistent with the ‘Water Quality’ objectives of improving the quality of urban runoff, as well as the ‘Emergency Preparedness’ objective. The project is designed to improve flood control through updating infrastructure and implementing Low Impact Development (LID) measures. The meeting minutes, presentation and list of added projects are attached as Appendix 2.