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**ATTACHMENT I: AUTHORIZING DOCUMENTATION**

*City of Santa Barbara Resolution Authorizing Filing of an Application for Assembly Bill (AB) 3030 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Funds and to Enter into an Agreement with the State of California.*

The City of Santa Barbara's Resolution authorizing filing of this application for the Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) grant program and entering into an agreement with the State of California will be considered for action at the City Council meeting on July 17, 2012. The City's adopted and signed resolution will be sent to DWR immediately following adoption by City Council both in electronic and hard copy formats. A copy of the Council Agenda Report and proposed resolution language follows this page.



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# Council Agenda Report

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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** July 17, 2012

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Approving Application For Local Groundwater Assistance Grant

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara, Authorizing the Public Works Director to Submit a Groundwater Management Plan Grant Application in an amount of \$250,000 and Execute an Agreement With the California Department of Water Resources Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program.

### DISCUSSION:

The City of Santa Barbara (City) maintains eight municipal supply wells which draw from two groundwater basins known as Storage Unit 1 and the Foothill Basin. Groundwater supplies contribute approximately 10 percent of the overall water supply portfolio. They are a vital element of the City's supply, particularly in the event of catastrophic failures of Mission and/or Tecolote Tunnels, which transport Santa Ynez River water to the City.

The City's Long-Term Water Supply Plan, adopted in 2010, as well as the City's Urban Water Management Plan, also adopted in 2010, indicates the City's commitment to preparing a Groundwater Management Plan, per State legislation outlined in AB 3030. The required elements of AB 3030 include control of saline water intrusion, regulation of migration of pollutants, facilitation of conjunctive use, wellhead protection, and coordination with regulatory agencies and other stakeholders within the groundwater basins. While the City is already undertaking these efforts, the individual elements have yet to be coordinated into a single policy document, which is the purpose of the proposed Groundwater Management Plan. It is anticipated that the Groundwater Management Plan will be prepared and presented to Council for adoption by July 2014.

The purpose of the California Department of the Water Resources Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program is to provide funding to conduct groundwater studies or to

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carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities. If the City's application is successful, the Local Groundwater Assistance grant will provide funding needed for the preparation of a City wide Groundwater Management Plan, as well as investigation of water quality and quantity issues within the Foothill Basin. Adoption of a resolution authorizing application for the grant is a required part of the grant application.

Staff anticipates applying for the full grant award amount of \$250,000. City contribution is not required to apply for grant funds through this program.

**PREPARED BY: Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Manager/TL/mh**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office



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# Proposed Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT APPLICATION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has enacted the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program to support projects that promote groundwater management;

WHEREAS, the City is in support of projects that increase the long-term reliability of the municipal water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to enter into an agreement with the DWR to meet all established deadlines for the purposes of the grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

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The Public Works Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to submit a grant application to the DWR Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program, execute in the name of the City of Santa Barbara all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds, to implement and carry out the project identified in the grant application, and to prepare and adopt a Groundwater Management Plan by July 2014.

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