



## Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Application Eligible Applicant Documentation

### **ATTACHMENT 2: ELIGIBLE APPLICANT DOCUMENTATION**

#### *Eligible Applicants are Local Agencies*

#### *Is the applicant a local public agency as defined in CWC 10701(a)?*

Yes. The City of Santa Barbara was incorporated as a general law City on February 18, 1851, and is therefore, a local sub-division of the State with authority to perform governmental and proprietary function within the limits of its jurisdictional boundaries.

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

The City became a charter code city in 1967. Under the City's adopted Charter, the City has the power to make and enforce all laws and regulations with respect to municipal affairs, subject only to restrictions and limitations provided within its Charter or in the Constitution of the State of California. The City of Santa Barbara therefore operates within the legal and statutory authority granted to all cities under the State Constitution Article 11, Sections 3, 5, and 9.

#### *Does the applicant have the legal authority to enter into an agreement with the State of California?*

Yes, the City of Santa Barbara has the legal authority to enter into an agreement with the State of California, including the California Department of Water Resources. Attachment 1, *Authorizing Documentation* provides DWR with the explicit resolution language which gives the City Public Works Director authority to file this application. The City will be providing the enabling resolution to DWR following adoption at its July 17, 2012 City Council Hearing. A sample resolution accompanies this application.

#### *Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the project and tracking of funds?*

The City of Santa Barbara will be the sole entity receiving funding and responsible for project performance and tracking of funds. The City of Santa Barbara's Water Resources Division and its Finance Department, respectively, will take the lead on ensuring project performance as well as tracking funds.

The City has experience ensuring the performance of projects and the tracking of funds associated with grants and loans. The City has managed a number of projects for which they have received grant funding. Recent grant agreements have been executed with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for water-related projects. The City was also the recipient of grant funding under Proposition 50 through the SWRCB. Santa Barbara is therefore familiar with and capable of successfully complying with all Federal and State rules, regulations and laws, including funding agency requirements for project reporting, tracking funds, ensuring eligibility of costs, and auditing for various grant programs.



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