

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Name:

Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Eligible applicants are local agencies. The applicant must provide a written statement (and additional information if noted) containing the appropriate information outlined below:

☞ *Is the applicant a local public agency as defined in CWC 10701(a)? Please explain.*

Yes, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department is a dependant special district formed by the Count of Santa Barbara under the 1923 and 1961 fire protection laws of the State of California (recodified as the Fire Protection District Law of 1987); the County is a political subdivision of the State. The Fire Department has County--wide authorities, including the authority to assess and abate contaminated sites pursuant to contract No. 11-015-250 with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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

Fire Department comprises five fire protection districts and four fire protection zones formed pursuant to and operating under the Fire Protection District Law of 1987 (Ch 1, 13000 et seq).

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

Yes. The Department is empowered under Fire Protection District Law of 1987 (Ch 5, 13861 et seq) to contract with the State of California on behalf of it citizens. The Department has the overall institutional ability to coordinate and work with all the agencies, cities, districts, and public interests in the Santa Barbara Countywide Region.

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

1) County of Santa Barbara and State Water Board No. 11-015-250 Contract, February 17, 2011

Through this agreement the Fire Department works cooperatively with Central Coast Water Board to implement the California Water Code and cleanup the Santa Barbara groundwater basin pursuant to Contract No. 11-015-250 (February 17, 2011) between the State Water Board and the Fire Department, and pursuant to the Inter-Agency Agreement (February 9, 1999). The Contract titled, County of Santa Barbara State Water Board No. 11-015-250, states the Fire Department shall oversee corrective action and perform regulatory and administrative activities in implement the oversight of corrective action of unauthorized releases from USTs.

- 2) Santa Barbara County Inter-Agency Coordination Agreement Regarding Oil Field/Lease Decommissioning/Restoration, February 9, 1999
- 3) Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Toxics Substances Control and The State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Board and The California Environmental Protection Agency for the Oversight and Investigation and Cleanup Activities at Brownsfield Sites, March 1, 2005.