

Attachment 1, Authorizing Documentation consists of the following:

✓ **Authorizing Resolution**

Resolution No. 2014-250 was adopted by the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) Board of Directors on December 9, 2014, which designates an authorized representative to submit a proposal for the 2014 Water-Energy Grant and enter into an agreement with the State of California. Resolution No. 2014-250 is appended to this attachment.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-250

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District assembled in regular meeting this 9th day of December, 2014, that an application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a 2014 Water-Energy Grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 103 Section 11 (2013-2014 Regular Session), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Coachella Valley Water District and Desert Water Agency 2014 Water-Energy Grant Proposal. Be it further resolved that the General Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of this District, to direct the preparation of necessary data and investigations, file an application, and execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto, with the California Department of Water Resources for the 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT) ss.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY)

I, JULIA FERNANDEZ, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2014-250 adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a regular meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 9th day of December, 2014, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout. The Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Five

Directors: Powell, Nelson, O'Dowd, Pack, Estrada

Noes: None

Dated this 9th day of December, 2014.

(SEAL)


Board Secretary



COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date: December 9, 2014

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Authorize Joint Desert Water Agency/Coachella Valley Water District Application for 2014 Water-Energy Grant

Description and Location

The purpose of the 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program is to fund residential, commercial, and institutional water efficiency programs and projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and also reduce water and energy use. The grant program is being managed through the California Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management Program. However, applicants are not required to participate as regional water management groups. Eligible applicants include individual local agencies and stakeholders like cities and nonprofit organizations. Eligible projects include water efficiency programs or projects that reduce GHG emissions, water use, and energy use.

As a local water agency, CVWD qualifies as an eligible applicant, and plans to submit an application jointly prepared with Desert Water Agency (DWA). CVWD will be the lead applicant. CVWD's and DWA's application consists of a joint turf rebate program to replace turf with water efficient landscaping for a variety of users including residential, commercial and golf. The maximum grant amount available per application is \$2.5 million.

Please see the attached map.

Purpose and Benefit of Project

The purpose of this board item is to request CVWD Board authorization to submit an application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a 2014 Water-Energy Grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 103 Section 11 (2013-2014 Regular Session), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Joint DWA/CVWD Water-Energy Grant Proposal.

Procurement and Expenditures

Resolution 2014-233 authorized a contract with RMC Water and Environment for preparation of a Water-Energy Grant Application for an amount not-to-exceed \$38,512. The application cost will be shared equally by CVWD and DWA.

Environmental Impact

- No, this item is not a “project” as defined by CEQA; therefore, approval does not require any CEQA action.
- Yes, see below.

Legal Review

- Reviewed by Counsel
- N/A

Fiscal Impact

Funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Engineering Operating Budget

Prior Authorizations

- Yes, Resolution 2014-233
- N/A

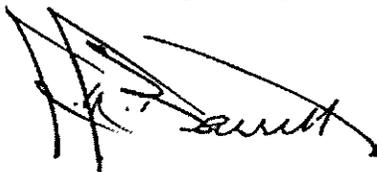
Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager or his designee to direct the preparation of necessary data and investigations, file an application, and execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto, with the California Department of Water Resources.

Please see the attached proposed resolution.

Prepared by: Patti Reyes
Planning and Special Programs Manager

Submitted by: Mark Johnson
Director of Engineering



Approved by: _____
J. M. Barrett
General Manager

Attachments/as
FILE: 0063. and 0063.4

PROJECT ID NO: N/A

Attachment 1, Eligible Applicant Documentation consists of the following information, which provides answers to the questions on page 18 of the Final PSP:

✓ **Type of Applicant**

This *Water-Energy Grant Proposal* is being submitted by Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) on behalf of the CVWD and Desert Water Agency (DWA). CVWD is a local agency and is therefore an eligible applicant in accordance with Appendix B of the *2014 Water-Energy Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package*¹. Further information about CVWD's status as a local agency is provided below.

✓ **Statutory or Legal Authority of Applicant**

CVWD is a special district that was established by the state legislature in 1918 to protect and conserve local water sources. As a special district, CVWD is considered a local agency according to the definition included in Appendix B of the Final PSP. CVWD is a public agency of the State of California operating under County Water District Law, California Water Code §30000, et seq. and Coachella District Merger Law, Water Code §33100, et seq. CVWD is a State Water Project contractor and Colorado River contractor empowered to import water supplies to its service area, and has statutory authority over water supply.

✓ **Legal Authority to Enter into a Grant Agreement.**

CVWD has legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California. A formal resolution that allows CVWD to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for the 2014 Water-Energy Grant is provided in the Authorizing Documentation portion of Attachment 1.

✓ **Legal Agreements among Partner Agencies**

On November 18, 2014 CVWD and DWA entered into an agreement to jointly pursue grant funding through the 2014 Water-Energy Grant. Through a Letter of Commitment, DWA and CVWD formalized their commitment to split grant funding that would be obtained through the 2014 Water-Energy Grant. The Letter of Commitment between CVWD and DWA, which is included within this attachment, ensures that the tracking of grant funding and submittal of requisite materials to DWR will be completed in a timely manner and in accordance with DWR's applicable requirements.

¹ Department of Water Resources (DWR). 2014. 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package. October.

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November 18, 2014

Coachella Valley Water District
Attn: Jim Barrett, General Manager
P.O. Box 1058
Coachella, CA 92236

RE: 2014 Water-Energy Grant Preparation Agreement

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Desert Water Agency (DWA) and Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) have decided to jointly pursue grant funding through the 2014 Water-Energy Grant. In doing so, DWA is committing to jointly fund the grant preparation through this Letter of Commitment.

Staff has determined the attached proposal from RMC Water and Environment is suitable to our needs and CVWD had committed to being the contracting agency with RMC. As such, let this letter serve as commitment from DWA that we will pay our proportional costs of the grant preparation.

The entire grant request will be \$2.5 million in funding. CVWD is seeking \$1.25 million (50% percent) and DWA is seeking \$1.25 million (50%) therefore CVWD and DWA will both contribute 50% of the grant preparation costs (approximately \$19,256 each).

Thank you for working with DWA on this effort. We appreciate another opportunity for our agencies to work collaboratively for the betterment of our customers.

Signed:

David K. Luker
General Manager/Chief Engineer
Desert Water Agency

Received:

Jim Barrett
General Manager/Chief Engineer
Coachella Valley Water District