



DATE: January 21, 2015

TO: Waste Management Authority Board

FROM: Gary Wolff, Executive Director

BY: Teresa Eade, Senior Program Manager
Karen Kho, Senior Program Manager

SUBJECT: Prop 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant, Round 2
Resolution to Accept Grant

BACKGROUND

StopWaste staff has participated in the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) group since 2011 to jointly apply for Proposition 84 grant funding. We've done that to leverage agency goals in compost & recycled mulch market development and sustainable landscapes by partnering with local water district's rebate and water conservation programs. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded funding from Prop 84 in Rounds 1, 2 and 3 (Drought Round) to the Bay Area IRWM. StopWaste was awarded \$220,347 in a Round 1 grant which is expected to be completed in the current fiscal year. The Authority Board approved Grant Acceptance of the Drought Round (3) at their November, 2014 meeting allowing our agency to be the administrator for the regional conservation program, funding for a *Drought Resistant Soil and Garden Marketplace* project to be implemented by StopWaste.

DISCUSSION

On February 14, 2014 the Department of Water Resources issued a letter of commitment, funding the *San Francisco Bay Regional Water Enhancement Program* grant proposal for \$20,000,000 for 19 projects, involving 50 agencies within the Bay Area. This grant will be administered by ABAG. One of the 19 funded projects is the *Bay Area Regional Conservation and Education Project* which receives \$2,700,000 for 12 participating water agencies. StopWaste is a partner in the *Bay Area Regional Conservation and Education Project* and is funded for \$200,193 to provide 10 Bay-Friendly Landscape professional trainings and 20 home gardener training events and reach 20,000 consumers with messages about how to reduce water use in their yards and gardens through sheet mulching & other sustainable landscape practices. Agency staff will work with the Bay-Friendly Landscape & Garden Coalition to deliver these trainings Bay Area wide. This grant funding is already in the agency's approved budget as Project 1152, *Water Efficient Landscape Proposition 84 Round II DWR Project Report*, however, approval to receive the funding was inadvertently omitted from the budget package.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution attached.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION #WMA 2015 –**

MOVED:

SECONDED:

AT THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 28, 2015

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR
PROPOSITION 84, ROUND 2 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT
AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000, including Propositions 50 and 84, to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM); and

WHEREAS, state statute and guidelines required that an IRWM Plan be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds would be provided for water resources management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (Authority) adopted the Bay Area IRWM Plan Update on March 26, 2014 to be eligible to receive IRWM grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Authority partnered with bay area water agencies to submit a *San Francisco Bay Regional Water Enhancement Program* grant proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) awarded the Bay Area IRWM \$20 million in funding for 19 projects involving 50 agencies; and

WHEREAS, the DWR funding includes \$2,700,000.00 to twelve agencies including the Authority for the *Bay Area Regional Conservation and Education Project*; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Water Agency has agreed to serve as the Local Project Sponsor for the *Bay Area Regional Conservation and Education Project* and be responsible for grant administration and dispersal of grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the *Bay Area Regional Conservation and Education Project* includes multi-year funding for water conservation rebates and programs and \$200,193 to the Authority for sustainable landscape and sheet mulch education for landscape professional and home gardeners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby authorizes the Executive Director to:

1. Enter into all necessary agreements in order to accept and expend \$200,193 in grant funds.
2. Approve any required time extensions, modifications, or amendments thereto.
3. Allocate the necessary resources to implement and carry out the amended scope of work.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Gary Wolff, PE, PhD
Executive Director