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October 23, 2024

Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
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SUBJECT: Update on Implementation of Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Grant – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a presentation on the implementation of DWR's SGM Grant Program *SGMA Implementation Grant Round 1 Solicitation for Critically Overdrafted Basins* which provided \$7.6 million each for the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board approved Resolutions Nos. 2022-01¹ and 2022-02² at the January 26, 2022, meeting authorizing the Executive Officer to submit applications to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for funding from the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Implementation Grant Program to implement projects in the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin. The Agency received award notification letters from DWR dated April 28, 2022, for funding of \$7.6 million in each of the two basins.

At the July 20, 2022, Board special meeting³, your Board awarded a contract with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc., to conduct grant administration services and directed the subgrantees fund the grant administration consultant, apportioned based on the grant awarded. The final Grant Agreements between DWR and the Fox Canyon Groundwater Monitoring Agency for the Oxnard Subbasin and the Pleasant Valley Basin were approved by your Board on September 9, 2022⁴. At the same meeting Subgrant Agreements with the other grant recipients were approved which flow down the provisions of the Grant Agreement between DWR and the Agency and include the requirement to pay the proportional cost of grant administration consultant services.

¹ Resolution 2022-01: <https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Resolution-2022-01.pdf>

² Resolution 2022-02: <https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Resolution-2022-02.pdf>

³ July 20, 2022, meeting materials and recording:

<https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplatId=15576>

⁴ September 9, 2022, meeting materials and recording:

<https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplatId=15872>

DISCUSSION:

The projects selected for grant funding were based on ranking and scoring by the ad hoc Project Committee that was part of the OPV Stakeholder Group facilitation process and approved by your Board at the January 26, 2022, Board Regular meeting⁵. The grant projects (called “components” by DWR for the grant) for the Oxnard Subbasin and for the Pleasant Valley are listed in Table 1. The total grant amounts are:

- \$6,479,700 to United Water Conservation District (UWCD),
- \$5,810,000 to Pleasant Valley County Water District (PVCWD), and
- \$332,500 to the City of Camarillo
- \$2,577,800 to the Agency’s monitoring well projects.

Components	Category	Total Project Cost	Grant Amount	Executing Agency
Oxnard Subbasin				
1: Grant Administration	Administration	\$ 115,000	\$ -	All
2: UWCD Ferro-Rose Artificial Recharge of Groundwater	Implementation	\$4,000,000	\$2,510,300	UWCD
3: UWCD Laguna Road Recycled Water Interconnection	Implementation	\$4,225,000	\$2,651,500	UWCD
4: UWCD Monitoring Well Construction and Data Collection for Design of Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment	Planning	\$2,100,000	\$1,317,900	UWCD
5: FCGMA Installation of 3 Monitoring Wells to Assess the Hydraulic Connectivity Between Surface Water Bodies, the Semi-Perched Aquifer, and the Principal Aquifers	Planning	\$ 493,442	\$ 382,500	FCGMA
6: FCGMA Install Multi-Depth Monitoring Wells at Two Locations in the Oxnard Subbasin	Planning	\$1,700,580	\$ 737,800	FCGMA
Oxnard Subbasin Total		\$ 12,624,022	\$ 7,600,000	
Pleasant Valley Basin				
1: Grant Administration	Administration	\$ 115,000	\$ -	All
2: PVCWD Recycled Water Connection Pipeline	Implementation	\$5,600,000	\$5,260,000	PVCWD
3: PVCWD Private Reservoir Program	Implementation	\$ 590,000	\$ 550,000	PVCWD
4: FCGMA Multi-Depth Monitoring Well Installation in the Pleasant Valley Basin	Planning	\$2,550,158	\$1,075,000	FCGMA
5: FCGMA Monitoring Well Installation	Planning	\$ 493,442	\$ 382,500	FCGMA
6: Camarillo Stormwater Diversion to Water Reclamation Plant Feasibility Study	Planning	\$ 350,000	\$ 332,500	Camarillo
Pleasant Valley Basin Total		\$ 9,698,600	\$ 7,600,000	
Agencywide Total		\$22,232,622	\$15,200,000	

⁵ January 26, 2022, meeting materials: <https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=14804>

All projects must be completed, and final deliverables submitted by April 30, 2025, for DWR to close out the grants by June 30, 2025.

Agency staff, along with the other grant recipients, will present to your Board today on their projects, benefits to the basins, status, funds expended, timeline to completion and total anticipated costs.

CONCLUSION:

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-3942.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arne Anselm', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Arne Anselm
Interim Executive Officer