

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: The Honorable City Council

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DATE: December 12, 2006 (CC Meeting of 12-20-06)

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution Adopting the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Prepared by the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC)

Discussion

In November 2002, California voters approved the passage of Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, which provided, among other water programs, funding for a new water resource planning model known as Integrated Regional Water Management Planning. Under Chapter 8 of Proposition 50, the authors set aside \$500 million as an incentive to encourage water interests to work together to plan projects that address multiple needs and multiple uses in a Region, including increased water supply, improved water quality, heightened flood protection and enhanced habitat and recreation. Water interests in the County of Ventura (County) have a long history of working together to address water resources issues and decided to pursue funding under this program.

The Ventura Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (VCIRWMP) Group was formed in September 2004 in response to funding opportunities found in Chapter 8, Proposition 50, which requires that any projects proposed for funding under Chapter 8 be consistent with an adopted IRWMP. The VCIRWMP Group consisted of key stakeholders in the Ventura and Santa Clara River Watersheds; this Group guided the development of an Interim IRWMP for these two Watersheds, which was completed in July 2005.

The Calleguas Creek Steering Committee (Committee), consisting of key stakeholders in the Calleguas Creek Watershed, was formed in 1996 to develop a Watershed Management Plan for the Calleguas Creek. That Plan was completed and adopted in November 2004. On June 15, 2005, the Committee amended the Watershed Management Plan and successfully adopted the Calleguas Creek IRWMP.

In July 2005, the VCIRWMP Group and the Committee each applied for a Step 1 Proposition 50 Implementation Grant to construct and advance the projects outlined in their respective interim and adopted IRWMPs. In the fall of 2005, the Department of Water Resources, as one of the agencies authorized to oversee Proposition 50 grants, requested the voluntary consolidation of a number of Regions for the purposes of application for Step 2 Implementation Grant funds. The VCIRWMP Group and the Committee agreed on November 22, 2005 and December 15, 2005, respectively, to consolidate into one planning Region, consolidate the two IRWMPs, and to submit a single application for Step 2 Implementation Grant funds.

In March 2006, the newly consolidated region was one of sixteen to receive a call-back from the State to apply for Step 2 Implementation Grant funds. In April 2006 the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) was formed by joint resolution of the VCIRWMP Group and the Committee to oversee the consolidation of the two IRWMPs, submit a Step 2 Implementation Grant application for \$25 million, and pursue future IRWM funding. And on April 27, 2006 the WCVC by Resolution 06-01, authorized, designated and requested the County to file an application for a Proposition 50, Step 2 Implementation Grant and to enter into an agreement with the State.

Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Implementation funds will only be awarded to agencies with an adopted IRWMP. Future water bond funding for Integrated Regional Water Management projects will likely require the adoption of an IRWMP. The IRWMP for the WCVC (consisting of some 60-plus agencies and organizations) was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process and provides for ongoing data gathering, planning, design, implementation and evaluation through a long-term, iterative, community-based process.

The County has reviewed the WCVC IRWMP, and has determined that the IRWMP is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 because the IRWMP is a planning study which identifies potential projects, programs, and policies for possible future actions; and Sections 15306, 15307, and 15308 because the IRWMP consists of basic data and information collection and includes possible actions, subject to future adoption and approval, which would protect natural resources and the environment.

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution No. 2006-____ (IRWMP prepared by WCVC)

Attachments:

- 1 – IRWMP Resolution
- 2 – WCVC IRWMP (supplied under separate cover)

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PREPARED BY THE WATERSHEDS COALITION OF VENTURA COUNTY

WHEREAS, in November 2002, the California electorate approved Proposition 50, (the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 et seq), which included \$500 million under Chapter 8 for projects included in an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP); and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Implementation funds will only be awarded to Regions with an adopted IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP for the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process and provides for ongoing data gathering, planning, design, implementation, and evaluation through a long-term, iterative, community-based process; and

WHEREAS, the widespread adoption of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWMP ensures multi-agency participation and future water management planning efforts in the Region; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura has prepared a Notice of Exemption for the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWMP in accordance with CEQA and the Agency's Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City of Moorpark hereby adopts the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of December 2006.

Patrick Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah S. Traffenstedt, City Clerk