



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

ITEM NO: 2

File ID – 15-2804 – Public Hearing

SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF “ONE WATER ONE WATERSHED 2.0” INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) PLAN FOR FUNDING THROUGH PROPOSITION 84 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES VIA SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY (SAWPA)**

ISSUE:

The issues for Board of Public Utilities consideration are to: 1) conduct a public hearing; and 2) adopt SAWPA's OWOW 2.0 IRWM Plan for eligibility and competitive Proposition 84 funding for projects submitted by Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) via SAWPA.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Conduct a public hearing on the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's One Water One Watershed 2.0 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and
2. Recommend that the City Council adopt the One Water One Watershed 2.0 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Formed in 1975, the SAWPA is a Joint Powers Authority between five regional water agencies. SAWPA was formed to coordinate water related activities in the Santa Ana Watershed. The City participates in SAWPA through Western Municipal Water District.

In November 2006 California voters approved Proposition 84 which authorized bond funding for various water projects throughout the State. Chapter 2 of Proposition 84 includes \$1 billion in funding for IRWM projects. Of that, approximately \$114 million in grant funding is set aside for IRWM projects in the Santa Ana Watershed. SAWPA is responsible for developing the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and for recommending projects to be funded.

SAWPA began developing an IRWM Plan and titled it “One Water One Watershed” (OWOW). On May 12, 2009 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 21830 supporting the development of the OWOW plan. Former Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge and several RPU staff members participated in committees to help form OWOW. SAWPA adopted OWOW in 2010. Only those projects that are incorporated into the OWOW plan may be considered for Proposition 84 funding.

In June 2012 SAWPA, as the designated agency for reviewing, selecting and distributing Proposition 84 funds within the Santa Ana Watershed, solicited projects for funding. RPU submitted three projects that support new water supply for consideration. An 11-member independent Steering Committee selected the Recycled Water Project Phase 1 for funding and recommended awarding RPU a \$1 million grant towards the Project. RPU's Recycled Water Project Phase 1 is one of 22 projects the Steering Committee recommended for funding.

In conformance with Proposition 84, on December 18, 2012 SAWPA's Board of Commissioners amended the OWOW IRWM Plan to include the various projects recommended for funding and on March 19, 2013 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 22510 adopting the December 2012 OWOW IRWM Plan (Updated OWOW Plan). The City's adoption of SAWPA's Updated OWOW IRWM Plan was one of the DWR application requirements to apply for Proposition 84 grant funding.

Following SAWPA's adoption of the Updated OWOW Plan, SAWPA embarked upon a process to further update the OWOW IRWM Plan and on February 04, 2014 SAWPA's Board of Commissioners formally adopted the OWOW 2.0 IRWM Plan.

Adoption of SAWPA's OWOW 2.0 IRWM Plan by the City Council is one of the requirements to receive Proposition 84 grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time. Appropriate project approval will be obtained at a later date when the project is ready to move forward.

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Attachments:	SAWPA's OWOW 2.0 IRWM Plan (Executive Summary Only)
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