



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: March 7, 2023

Subject: Grant application for the Contra Costa Clean Water Program's Clean Watersheds for All project, Countywide.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Engineer, Flood Control and Water Conservation District, or designee, to submit a San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$1,000,000, for the Contra Costa Clean Water Program's Clean Watersheds for All project, Countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of the grant application is estimated to be \$20,000; and, shall be funded by stormwater utility fee assessments collected by the Cities/Towns and County, proportional to their respective populations. The application requests \$1 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding from the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa Clean Water Program (the "CCCWP") consists of Contra Costa County, its 19 incorporated cities/towns, and the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Permittees"). The CCCWP was established in 1991 through a Program Agreement in response to the 1987 amendments

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/07/2023** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Ken Carlson, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 7, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

to the Federal Clean Water Act (the “CWA), which established a framework for regulating municipal stormwater discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”)

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Permit Program. The United States Environmental Protection Agency published final rules implementing the 1987 CWA amendments in November 1990. The rules mandate that Permittees obtain and implement stormwater permits designed to reduce and eliminate the discharge of pollutants into and from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems they own and operate. Through the CCCWP, Permittees conduct many of the mandated activities collectively (referred to as “Group Activities”), such as water quality monitoring, special studies, and public education. The roles and responsibilities of the CCCWP and Permittees are outlined in the Program Agreement, which was last updated and adopted by all Permittees in June 2010.

Staff recommends submitting the CCCWP Clean Watersheds for All project (the Project) for funding consideration. The Project aims to focus on countywide implementation (i.e., funding and delivery) of green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) and other water quality improvement projects, especially in underserved communities. The Project will generate a comprehensive stormwater treatment plan and project delivery roadmap for underserved communities in Contra Costa County. The Project will develop a list of proposed water quality improvement projects in underserved communities, prioritized based on the potential to reduce pollutants of concern and provide other community-supported multiple benefits, and include designs for a select number of projects. In addition, the Project will assist Permittees to meet GSI and water quality improvements required by the NPDES permit, and advance the financial and internal plans and systems needed to allow CCCWP municipalities to collaborate and fund the construction and ongoing operation and maintenance of prioritized projects. The Project will include active outreach throughout the tasks to engage with and garner support from the affected communities.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If staff is not authorized to submit a grant application, grant funding will not be available, which will impede compliance-related activities as required by the NPDES Permit.