

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
PRELIMINARY FUNDING COMMITMENT
CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) GRANT PROGRAM
FAAST PIN 24693

RECIPIENT: City of Los Angeles, Department
of Public Works

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,300,000

PROJECT TITLE: Ballona Creek Water Quality
Improvement & Beneficial Use Project

TOTAL CBI GRANT REQUEST: \$2,500,000

PROJECT MANAGER: Spencer Joplin, Water
Resource Control Engineer, 916-341-5636

AUTHORITY

The Clean Beaches Initiative (CBI) Grant Program provides funding for projects that restore and protect the water quality and the environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near shore waters. The CBI Grant Program was initiated in response to the poor water quality and significant exceedances of bacterial indicators revealed by Assembly Bill (AB) 411 monitoring at California's beaches. Funding is available from the *Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act* (Proposition 84). In addition, there are unused or re-appropriated funds remaining from the *California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 40) and the *Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 50).

The State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2012-0020 on June 5, 2012, which revised the CBI Guidelines used to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants for Proposition 84, Chapter 7 funds, and any unused or re-appropriated Proposition 40 and 50 CBI funds. The Resolution authorized the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to approve proposed projects, execute grant agreements and amendments to implement the proposed projects and utilize funds from projects which are withdrawn or completed under budget to fund additional projects recommended by the Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF), or augment the scope and budget of projects previously awarded.

The Concept Proposal for this Project was submitted to FAAST on August 23, 2012. The CBTF met on October 22, 2012 and recommended this Project be invited to submit a detailed application. The applicant submitted a complete Detailed Application on August 22, 2014, and it has been determined to be complete. The documents have all been uploaded to FAAST. This PFC shall be posted on the State Water Board's Internet website, and circulated to the CBTF for review and comment prior to the Deputy Director executing a grant agreement.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Project is to divert, treat, and potentially reuse urban runoff from Ballona Creek by providing treatment prior to reuse, or release back to the creek to provide improved water quality.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project involves the conversion of a decommissioned sewer overflow containment facility into a storm-water treatment facility. The North Outfall Treatment Facility (NOTF) is located along Ballona Creek about 5 miles upstream of its mouth. The watershed upstream of the NOTF is about 85 square miles with mostly urban land use.

The headworks would consist of an inflatable rubber dam and inlet channel in Ballona Creek for flow regulation, screens to remove gross solids, and a wet well from which water would be pumped for

treatment. Treatment would consist of chlorine dosing, a holding tank for disinfection and coarse sedimentation, and finally de-chlorination. Treated water would then be discharged to Ballona Creek downstream of the collection point. Existing components of the NOTF will be retrofitted or upgraded as needed. The City of Los Angeles proposes to explore options to distribute the treated water for beneficial uses such as irrigation, though this is not in the scope of the Project.

The Project would enable the NOTF to treat all flow in Ballona Creek during dry weather and the first flush (up to 2 acre-feet) during wet weather.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

For this project, the Recipient has filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for CEQA compliance at the City of Los Angeles, Office of the County Clerk on September 6, 2013. The project meets the following exemption:

New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (14 CCR 15303). Consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

FISCAL IMPACT

As of July 1, 2014, the cumulative balance available for the CBI Grant Program, which is funded by Propositions 40, 50, and 84, is:

July 1, 2014	\$40,334,726
Approved Projects	\$5,558,634
City of LA-FAAST PIN 24693:	\$2,500,000
Funds Remaining for Future Commitments:	\$32,276,092

REGIONAL WATER BOARD IMPACT

The State Water Board's Division of Water Quality and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board support the Project.

ROUTINE, NON-CONTROVERSIAL PROJECT

The proposed Project is routine and non-controversial based on Division staff's consideration of the documents and information provided by the City of Los Angeles, regulatory agencies, and written responses from the general public. There has been no indication of a protest or controversy regarding the proposed Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW

The PFC was posted on the State Water Board's internet website for public review on [Publish Date]

APPROVAL

Using the authority delegated by the State Water Resources Control Board on June 5, 2012, in Resolution No. 2012-0020, I hereby:

Approve a Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program Preliminary Funding Commitment of \$2,500,000 for the Ballona Creek Water Quality Improvement & Beneficial Use Project.

Darrin Polhemus, Deputy Director
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance

Date

Reviewed by:
Office of Chief Counsel
Date:

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