

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
CALIFORNIA

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For the Agenda of:
May 8, 2013

APPROVED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To: Board of Directors
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

Date May 8, 2013

From: Staff

By [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

Subject: Authorize The Executive Director To Execute An Agreement With The California Association Of Resource Conservation Districts

Contact: Darrell Eck, Executive Director, 874-5039

Overview

The Water Efficiency on Large Landscapes Project (WELL) provides for regional workshops and on-site surveys that include incentives for qualifying properties for qualifying agricultural-residential properties. Participation in this program by the Groundwater Authority will assist in meeting the objectives of the basin management objectives by encouraging groundwater conservation.

Recommendations

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

Fiscal Impact

Project cost is \$9,160; funding for this project has been included in the Groundwater Authority's Fiscal Year 2012/2013 adopted budget.

BACKGROUND

On September 8, 2010 the Board established the Residential-Agricultural Water Conservation Sub-committee to identify ways the Board could address actions identified in Section 3.2.4.1 of the groundwater management plan that states, "The basin governance body shall develop BMPs for self-served agricultural and agricultural-residential water users." During the first meeting discussion focused on ways water conservation programs could be developed and delivered to the ag-residential community. Since that time the sub-committee has met off and on with representatives of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (Association) to discuss ways to provide this service. Coincident to these discussions the Regional Water Authority (RWA) was awarded a grant to implement a region wide water efficiency program for both urban and agricultural-residential water users. The sub-committee agreed that the Groundwater Authority should take advantage of this opportunity and that in doing so would

make significant progress toward meeting the requirements set forth in the groundwater management plan.

With this strategy in mind, the Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$10,000 at their March 14, 2012 meeting to augment the ag-residential component of the 2011 Proposition 84 Regional Water Efficiency Project.

DISCUSSION

On April 23, 2013 the sub-committee met with representatives of the Association. These representatives indicated that they have now reached the point where they can begin to implement the WELL program. The Association has completed work on a scope of work that provides what the sub-committee believes will satisfy requirements for best management practices for ag-residential water users.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Association for \$9,160 in accordance with the attached Work Plan/Budget (Attachment A).

Attachments:

Resolution 2013-02
Attachment A – Work Plan/Budget

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Executive Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement on behalf of the SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY, a Joint Powers Authority created through a Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Elk Grove, the City of Folsom, the City of Rancho Cordova, the City of Sacramento, and the County of Sacramento, with THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS for the Water Efficiency on Large Landscapes Project and to do and perform everything necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

ON A MOTION by Director LOWRY, and seconded by Director BETTIS, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of SCWA, State of California, this 8th day of May, 2013, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors,

NOES: Directors,

ABSENT: Directors,

ABSTAIN: Directors,



Chair of the Board of Directors

(SEAL)

ATTEST: Heather Beck
Clerk of the Board

