

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Memorandum of Agreement: American River Basin Water Marketing Strategy Grant

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to participate in the American River Basin Water Marketing Strategy Grant as a non-Federal partner along with Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA), City of Folsom (Folsom), Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) and the Sacramento Regional Water Authority (RWA).

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
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- 3-Grant Proposal
- 4-Memorandum of Agreement
- 5-Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Staff recommends Council approve a MOA with Reclamation to participate in the American River Basin Water Marketing Strategy Grant and fund the City's cost share of the study. Other participating agencies are EDCWA, Folsom, PCWA, RWA, and SSWD.

Policy Considerations: This study advances General Plan Policy U 2.1.2: "Increase Water Supply

Sustainability” by identifying potential partners to fund infrastructure needed to flexibly operate regional surface water and groundwater operation practices.

Council approval is required for all City MOAs with outside agencies.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: This report concerns administrative activities that will not have a significant effect on the environment and does not constitute a “project” as defined by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(2 and 5).

Sustainability: The American River Basin Water Marketing Strategy Project (Project) builds on the 2000 Water Forum Agreement and subsequent implementation efforts to advance integrated regional water management, promote economic development, and increase protection of instream resources.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The City’s participation in the American River Basin Water Marketing Strategy Grant benefits the City and the region by providing federal funding to advance integrated regional water supply planning efforts that would otherwise be funded by rate payers.

The purpose of this agreement is to explore investment opportunities to help maintain and enhance the regions ability to flexibly operate groundwater and surface water supplies. Key elements of this effort include:

- Identify regional conjunctive use opportunities.
- Explore potential partner interests and options for conveyance and storage.
- Assess infrastructure investments necessary to bring the water to market.
- Develop an implementation plan that recommends governance, reporting and monitoring.
- Leverage public communication and stakeholder engagement that will build on established, long-term collaboration efforts with regional water partners.

Financial Considerations: The total cost of the Study is for an amount not to exceed \$850,000. Reclamation will provide \$400,000 to the project as the Federal cost-share partner. The non-federal partners, including the City, will provide a combined not to exceed amount of \$450,000.

The City of Sacramento’s contributions to the non-federal cost share includes leveraged in-kind services funded through activities previously authorized by City Council. In-kind services include planning activities for the River Arc Surface Water Project (C2016-0506), the Groundwater Master

Plan (C2015-1319), and the Regional Reliability Plan (C2016-1430).

The City's remaining cost share of the project administration is a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000. There is sufficient funding in the Water Master Planning (I14160100, fund 6005) for this effort.

There are no General Funds allocated or planned for this project.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable