

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETING(S)

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FOR: ACTION X DIRECTION _____ INFORMATION _____



RESOLUTION 2022-28 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A ROUND 2 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE MISSION CREEK SUBBASIN

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-28, authorizing the filing of an application for a Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program – Round 2 Implementation for the Mission Creek Subbasin.

SUMMARY

On July 17, 2019, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved the Mission Creek Subbasin (MCSB) Alternative Plan, finding it functionally equivalent to a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Subsequently, the MCSB Management Committee (Coachella Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, and Mission Springs Water District (MSWD)) initiated and completed the five-year update entitled “Mission Creek Subbasin Alternative Plan Update” (2022 Alternative Plan Update; [Wood and Kennedy Jenks, 2021]) in November 2021. The 2022 Alternative Plan Update was submitted to the DWR in December 2021, and identified a slate of projects and management actions to help achieve MCSB sustainability. Said projects and management actions are eligible to receive grant funding under the Proposition 68 Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation grant program. As such, the MCSB Management Committee are preparing a grant application seeking around \$16 million in grant funding for various projects in the MCSB. The grant application is due to DWR by November 30, 2022 and draft grant awards are anticipated in April/May 2023. Resolution 2022-28 formalizes MSWD’s authorization for Coachella Valley Water District to prepare and submit a grant application, and if awarded grant funds, enter into a grant agreement with DWR on its behalf.

ANALYSIS

The proposed slate of projects in the grant application include implementation of Coachella Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Development Workplan, construction of the MSWD Groundwater Quality Protection Project Area A Sewer Project, construction of the MSWD Recycled Water Project Phase 1A, and continued implementation of the CV Water Counts program. Any projects that receive grant funding must provide at least 25% in local cost share.

FISCAL IMPACT AND STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The adoption of the resolution has no fiscal impact. If grant funding is awarded, a contract for each MSWD project will be brought back to the Board for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2022-28