

**MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **APRIL 10, 2012**

From: **JAMES DURFEE / BILL ZIMMERMAN**

Subject: **MID-WESTERN PLACER REGIONAL SEWER PROJECT: CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

**ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that your Board adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services to apply for Clean Water State Revolving Funding, (CWSRF) for the Mid-Western Placer Regional Sewer Project; specifically:

1. Designate the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, as the authorized representative to sign and file for a Financial Assistance Application from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB);
2. Authorize the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to certify that Sewer Maintenance District 1 (SMD 1) has and will comply with all applicable State and Federal statutory and regulatory requirements related to any financing or financial assistance received from the SWSRF; and,
3. Authorize the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a financial assistance agreement and any amendments or change orders thereto upon review and approval by Risk Management and County Counsel, and certify financing agreement disbursements.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 13, 2012, your Board accepted the offer from the City of Lincoln to complete the Mid-Western Placer Regional Sewer Project (Regional Project) to convey flows from SMD 1 to the City of Lincoln's wastewater treatment plant for treatment.

On February 16, 2012, the County executed a Preliminary Funding Commitment (PFC) for the SMD 1 Upgrade Project including a 2.2% interest rate, \$6 million in Principal Forgiveness and a 30-year loan repayment schedule. Under the terms of the PFC, the financing can be transferred to the Regional Project, provided a complete application is submitted to the SWRCB by May 30, 2013. Pursuant to Lincoln's offer, the County is responsible for completing the financing of the Regional Project. In order to proceed, staff recommends your Board adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services to initiate the application process.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** Approval of the recommended action is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act; however, the CWSRF will not consider our financial assistance application complete until your Board certifies the environmental document for the Regional Project. The City of Lincoln is responsible for preparing the environmental document of the Regional Project, which will take place over the next 12-18 months.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Staff estimates that the costs, including staff and consultant costs, to pursue the CWSRF financial assistance agreement will not exceed \$150,000. Sufficient funds are available in the SMD 1 Regional Capital Project budget to cover this expenditure. Approval of this request will have no impact upon the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION  
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CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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