



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 25, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing A Financial Assistance Agreement For A Grant Amount Of \$1,789,388 From The State Water Resources Control Board For Catch Basin Inlet Storm Drain Screens Project

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Director or Designee to Apply, Negotiate and Execute a Financial Assistance Agreement, and Any Amendments Thereto, with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

### **DISCUSSION:**

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama. This act appropriates additional economic stimulus funds for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and state and local fiscal stabilization. The California Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) received approximately \$280 million from this bill. The CWSRF modified their existing loan program to distribute a portion of these monies as grants to fund nonpoint source pollution control projects throughout the state.

Although competition was extremely high for the stimulus funds, the Creeks Division submitted a grant application for the Catch Basin Inlet Storm Drain Screens Project. The project involves the installation of retractable screens on approximately 1,400 City storm drain inlets to prevent trash and debris from entering the creeks and beaches, while still allowing storm water flows to pass. The project was selected for funding because it creates jobs, builds green infrastructure, and is ready for construction within the required CWSRF timeline.

The CWSRF guidelines require a resolution authorizing the applicant's representative to apply, negotiate, and execute a financial assistance agreement. Council approved such a resolution at its April 28, 2009, meeting; however, since that time, SWRCB attorneys modified the required resolution format. The proposed resolution conforms to the new guidelines.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The total cost of the project is \$2,143,148. The SWRCB grant will provide \$1,789,388 toward the manufacture and installation of the screens. Matching Measure B funds in the amount of \$353,760 are included in the Creeks Division Capital Program.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

This project is designed to reduce several types of water quality pollutants, including trash, sediment, nutrients, and metals. This will improve water quality and aesthetics in the creeks and on the beaches.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office