



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Item No.: \*9.1.

## SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes  No   
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

### SUBJECT:

Review and Approve the Grants Redesign Project Recommendations to Update and Improve the Administration of the Safe, Clean Water Grants and Partnerships Program.

### REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM:

This report conveys additional information received after the initial report was released, consistent with Executive Limitations Policy EL-7-10-5.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Review and approve the Grants Redesign Project recommendations to update and improve the administration of the Safe, Clean Water Grants and Partnerships Program through the following:

- A. Authorize the following update for all grant types:
  1. Continue with the current insurance requirements and required documentation, and allow the grantee's insurance costs to be eligible for reimbursement (staff recommendation); or
  2. Remove the current insurance requirements and supporting documentation, and rely on the indemnification clause in the agreement;
- B. Authorize the following updates for the Mini-Grant Program:
  1. Raise the mini-grant threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project;
  2. Eliminate the match funding requirement;
- C. Authorize the following updates for the Standard Grant Program:
  1. Adopt the Grants Redesign Project criteria framework, project eligibility, and applicant eligibility, and direct staff to replace the existing standard grant criteria based on the new framework;
  2. Delegate authority to the CEO or CEO designee to streamline the agreement terms corresponding with the framework categories;
  3. Set minimum and maximum funding amounts per category;
  4. Fund projects at the full amount requested, eliminating partial funding awards and eliminating the current grant funding allocation matrix;
  5. Reduce or eliminate match funding requirements:
    - a. No match funding required for Education and Planning categories;

- b. 15% match funding required for Program and Implementation categories;
- 6. Require grantees to identify a separate CEQA lead agency for Implementation projects at the time of application;
- 7. Release standard grants on an annual grant cycle and alternate grant categories each year;
- 8. Delegate authority to the CEO or CEO designee to authorize amendments and budget adjustments that do not impact the total award amount approved by the Board; and
- D. Delegate authority to the Board Policy and Monitoring Committee for periodic review of the grants administration and to implement improvements as needed related to the project criteria framework, agreement terms, and grant cycles.

**SUMMARY:**

\*This item includes minor updates to the formatting and sequence of the PowerPoint presentation for clarity and accuracy.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IMPACT:**

No change from the original memo.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No change from the original memo.

**CEQA:**

No change from the original memo.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

\*Supplemental Attachment 1: PowerPoint

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

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