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SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Board Approval of Recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Grants for the Safe, Clean Water Grants Program to Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts & Education (B7) and Provide Access to Trails & Open Space (D3) Based on Applicants Supplemental Questionnaire Responses.

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:

- A. Review and discuss staff's recommendations for FY2018 Safe, Clean Water Grant Awards;
- B. For proposals submitted to Support Volunteer Cleanup Efforts & Education (B7) grant program, authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, to approve and execute agreements in a total amount not to exceed \$228,552, for the projects as outlined in this memorandum;
- C. For proposals submitted to Provide Access to Trails & Open Space (D3) grant program, authorize the Chief Executive Officer CEO, following CEQA compliance, to approve and execute agreements in a total amount not to exceed \$571,000 for the three projects as outlined in this memorandum; and
- D. Authorize the CEO to execute no-cost extensions (up to 12 months) for the approved grant agreements.

SUMMARY:

Staff reached out to all grant applicants to assess their ability to carry out the proposed grant projects if they are not awarded their full requested funding. Staff asked grantees to describe the changes in project scope based on a reduction of 50% and 25% of the requested grant amount. All grant applicants responded that they would be able to reduce the scope of work based on the potential reduced funding levels. Some entities indicated that there would be a shift in scope and deliverables, while others stated that they could find alternative funding to make up the difference.

Given the additional information obtained, staff recommends no changes to the original funding recommendations for the grant applications to Support Cleanup Efforts and Education (B7) and Provide Access to Trails and Open Space (D3).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Financial impact associated with this item is limited to the proposals approved for funding per Board action.

For B7 Support Cleanup Efforts and Education grant program, the recommended Board action is to approve a total of \$228,552 for nine grant proposals. This amount is covered in the FY18 budget under project #00061019.

For D3 Provide Access to Trails and Open Space grant program, the recommended Board action is to approve \$571,000 for three grant proposals. This amount is covered in the FY18 budget under project #26061007.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA (per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a)) because it does not commit the District to a definite course of action, and therefore has no potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect environmental impact. Specifically, it is a government fiscal activity which is not a project because it does not involve commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant environmental impact, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4). The Board action is approval of a staff recommendation to fund projects following project-specific District CEQA compliance, and is not a commitment to fund those projects. It does not foreclose alternatives or mitigation measures, including the alternative of not proceeding with a project, that ordinarily are part of project-specific CEQA review. The District will execute project-specific funding agreements only after District CEQA compliance is completed. For public agency projects, the grantee will be the lead agency and must submit evidence of CEQA compliance (adopted Negative Declaration, certified EIR, or Notice of Exemption) to the District, which will serve as Responsible Agency. For non-government grantees, the District will serve as lead agency.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Applicant Responses to Reduced Funding Levels

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

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