ATTACHMENT 1

AUTHORIZING DOCUMENTATION

Zone 7 Water Agency has taken the necessary good faith steps toward completion of an application for a Proposition 68, Round 3, SGM Planning Grant. This has included a request to DWR for an allowance to submit the signed version of authorizing Board resolution after the application submittal deadline. This request was presented by Matt Katen, Zone 7 Groundwater Section Manager, to DWR staff via email on October 14, 2019 with the provisions that Zone 7 submit:

1) the **draft resolution** planned for presentation to the Zone 7 Board of Directors at its public meeting scheduled for November 20, 2019, and
2) **agenda item documentation** for the Board’s Planning Calendar for the November 20, 2019 meeting.

These two documents are provided in this attachment.

Zone 7 also expressed its commitment to provide the signed and certified authorizing resolution to DWR by November 25, 2019. This plan was accepted by DWR in its response email dated October 15, 2019.
DWR’s acceptance of Board Resolution after application deadline.

Hi Matt,

That plan is acceptable.

Sincerely,
Jackson Cook
Engineering Geologist
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Regional Assistance
Financial Assistance Branch
601 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 551-0839

Hello Kelly, et al,

Zone 7 Water Agency is in the process of completing an application for a Prop 68, Round 3, SGM Planning Grant; however, we would like to request an allowance to submit the signed version of authorizing Board resolution after the November 1 deadline. Staff did not have the grant proposal developed sufficiently in time for the public notification for the Zone 7 Board of Directors’ October board meeting, and the next planned meeting isn’t until mid-November, after the Grant application deadline. However, for the Grant submittal, which will be submitted electronically to DWR by the November 1 deadline, we propose to include the draft resolution that we plan to present to the Board of Directors at the following board meeting, which will be held publically on November 20, 2015. We can also show in the application that the agenda item is on the Board’s Planning Calendar for the November 20, 2019 meeting. Staff anticipates that we will be able to provide the signed and certified authorizing resolution to DWR by November 25, 2019.

Please let me know if this plan is acceptable to DWR, and that if carried out as planned, Zone 7’s Grant application will not be penalized for the omission of the authorizing signatures.

Thank you,
Matt Katen
Groundwater Section Manager
Zone 7 Water Agency
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
TIME: 4:00 p.m. Closed Session (Room 150)
       7:00 p.m. Open Session (Boardroom) (time approximate)
LOCATION: Zone 7 Administration Building
          100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, California

Any member of the public desiring to address the Board on an item under discussion may do so upon receiving recognition from the President. After receiving recognition, please step to the podium and state your name and address.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available at the Zone 7 Administrative building parking lot. If you are a person with a disability and you need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact the Donna Fabian, Executive Assistant, at (925) 454-5007 or fax (925) 454-5723. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable Zone 7 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. {28 CFR 35.102-35, 104 ADA Title II}

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

1. Closed Session
   a. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54954.5:
      Agency Negotiator: Valerie Pryor/Jarnail Chahal
      Employee Organizations: Alameda County Management Employees Association;
      Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, Local 342, AFL-CIO; International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO; Local 1021 of the Service Employees International Union, CTW; Unrepresented Management
   b. Conference with Real Property Negotiators:
      Agency negotiator: Valerie Pryor, Osborn Solitei and David Aladjem
      Negotiating parties: Unknown
      Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d) (1): 2 cases. (1) Edwin Belshe and Ginger Belshe v. Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG17868354; (2) City and County of San Francisco v. City of Dublin et al., Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. CIV MSN18-0928

d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov’t Code section 54956.9(d) (4): 2 cases

e. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated litigation pursuant to Gov’t Code section 54956.9(d) (2): 2 cases

2. Open Session and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Report Out of Closed Session

4. Citizens Forum

This is an opportunity for members of the public to speak on an item not listed on the agenda. The Board cannot deliberate or take action on a non-agenda item unless it is an emergency as defined under Government Code Section 54954.2.

5. Minutes
a. Regular Board Meeting of October 16, 2019
b. Special Board Meeting of October 21, 2019
c. Special Board Meeting of November 6, 2019

6. Consent Calendar
a. Request for Out-of-State Travel to Attend Upcoming Association of California Water Agencies’ DC Conference
b. Authorization for As-Needed Professional Engineering Services (Flood Protection System)
c. 2020 Tri-Valley M&I Water Demand Study – Contract Award
e. Award of Contract for Operated Mowing Equipment Supply for As-Needed Routine Maintenance Work
f. Award of Hazardous Materials Cleanup and Disposal Contract
g. Agreement to Purchase Emergency Handheld Radios and Joining the East Bay Regional Communication Systems Authority
h. Authorizations for Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant - Round 3 Grant
i. Amendment to NRC Environmental Services, Inc. Service Agreement

   Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions

7. Staffing Update
a. New Employee Introduction
ORIGINATING SECTION:  Groundwater  
CONTACT:  Matt Katen  
AGENDA DATE:  November 20, 2019  
SUBJECT:  Authorizations for Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant – Round 3 Grant  
SUMMARY:  
Zone 7 Water Agency is the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin 2-010). As the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Zone 7 Water Agency is committed to managing groundwater in such a way to provide a reliable supply of high-quality water.  
The Zone 7 Board of Directors adopted an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin in December 2016 (Resolution No. 16-190), and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved the Alternative GSP in July 2019. Annual Groundwater Sustainability Monitoring Reports are prepared and submitted to DWR by April 1 of each year as required by DWR’s approval. A five year update of the Alternative GSP is due January 1, 2022.  
Zone 7 staff will prepare the five-year update at a significant cost. DWR recently announced a grant funding opportunity that could be used to provide funding for this update. Selected Alternative GSP Update proposals are eligible for $200,000 to $500,000 in funding with 25% matching contributions from the grantee.  
Staff developed and submitted a detailed proposal to receive the maximum funding for the planned Five-Year Update to Zone 7’s Alternative GSP by the application deadline of November 15, 2019. The proposed project tasks included those recommended by DWR in their GSP approval comments, such as, expanding the current groundwater sustainability monitor programs into the Fringe and Upland subbasins, developing improved measurable objectives and minimum thresholds for the expansion areas, and updating of each section of the original Alternative GSP.  
In order to complete the application process, Board approval of the application submittal and pre-authorization for staff to execute a grant agreement with DWR, should Zone 7’s proposal be selected for the grant, are necessary.
FUNDING:

If funded, the grant will save Zone 7 up to $500,000 on the required update of its Alternative GSP. Funds are available from Fund 100 for the 25% minimum match.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the attached Resolution approving the submittal of the SGM Grant application and authorizing the General Manager to execute a grant agreement with DWR should DWR award Zone 7 a grant for the proposed project.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution
WHEREAS, Zone 7 Water Agency is the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin 2-010) in accordance with Water Code §10723 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District adopted an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in accordance with Water Code Section §10733.6 on December 21, 2016 (Resolution No. 16-190): and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2019, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved Zone 7’s Alternative GSP, and

WHEREAS, California Water Code § 10723, requires Alternative GSPs to be updated every five years, with the next one due by January 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently opened Round 3 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Planning Grant Program funded by Proposition 68 and Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, the SGM Grant’s Proposal Solicitation Package cites Updates to Alternative Plans for approved Alternatives to GSPs as an example of eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, Zone 7 will apply for the maximum amount of funding of $500,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District hereby authorizes and directs that application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Planning – Round 3 Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) (Wat. Code, § 79700 et seq.) and/or the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resources Code, § 80000 et seq.), and the District to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: 2022 Five-Year Update of Alternative GSP, Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin project; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The General Manager of the of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District held on November 20, 2019.

By: _____________________________________
    President, Board of Directors