



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-355**

MEETING: July 18, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director

RE: Approve the Submittal of a Drought Solicitation IRWM Grant to the Department of Water Resources

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Adopt a Resolution Approving the Integrated Regional Water Management 2014 Drought Solicitation Grant Application to the California Department of Water Resources, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Application.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

On the July 18, 2014 Agenda the Board will be considering both the adoption of the Yosemite Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and a Drought Preparedness Plan - Phase 1. These plans are the culmination of many months of meetings of the Yosemite Mariposa Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC). The RWAC is staffed by the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District and is a coalition of many interested organizations and individuals working together to address the many water related issues that Mariposa County faces. The RWAC has a contract with Kennedy Jenks Consulting Engineers to assist in the preparation of the IRWM plan.

On January 17, 2014, as the work on the IRWM plan was progressing, the Governor declared a statewide Drought State of Emergency.

On March 1, 2014 Governor Brown signed SB 103 and SB 104 which approved \$472.5 million in Proposition 84 IRWM funding. The Governor further directed the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) to expedite the solicitation and award of \$200 million in IRWM funding to support projects and programs that:

1. Provide immediate regional drought preparedness
2. Increase local water supply reliability and the delivery of safe drinking water
3. Assist water suppliers and regions to implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective
4. Reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by the drought

Of the \$200 million in funding approved a maximum of \$20,022,341 is available to the San Joaquin River funding area of which Mariposa County is a part.

Grant applications for this emergency round of funding are due by July 21, 2014 and require the adoption of an IRWM plan by the County in order to participate. It was not immediately clear whether Mariposa County would have an adopted plan in time to solicit for this round of funding. This left very little time to prepare a competitive grant application. The Resource Conservation District, Townsend Public Affairs, and Mariposa County staff have worked diligently to assemble a project that can be submitted for this funding opportunity.

The grant application is comprised of 5 individual projects:

1. The design and construction of replacement of water distribution piping for the community of Yosemite West.
2. The design and construction of replacement of water distribution piping for the community of Coulterville.
3. Construction and plumbing of a secondary water source for the community of Yosemite West.
4. Construction and plumbing of a secondary water source for the community of Coulterville.
5. The design and construction of improvements to the water system in Fish Camp managed by the Yosemite Alpine Community Services District.

It should be noted that projects 1-4 will be managed by Mariposa County and project 5 will be managed by the Yosemite Alpine Community Services District.

Per the DWR Drought Grant Solicitation Guidelines there is a 25% match requirement. This match can be waived for projects that are located in approved Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). Both Coulterville and Fish Camp are approved DAC's and meet this requirement. Yosemite West does not meet this requirement and will be required to show a 25% match should the grant application be approved. While it is not required immediately a source for the 25% match for Yosemite West will need to be identified.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

The Board could choose to not approve the grant application in which case the projects would not be designed and constructed.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**2014 Drought Grant Solicitation Resolution(DOC)**  
**P84\_IRWM\_PSP\_Drought2014\_Final (PDF)**  
**IRWM\_Working Draft Application\_071614 (PDF)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

  
Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor  
**SECONDER:** John Carrier, District V Supervisor  
**AYES:** Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution  
No. 2014-335

**A resolution approving a Grant Application for the California Department of Water Resources 2014 Water Management Drought Grant Solicitation for Mariposa County.**

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**WHEREAS**, Mariposa County has adopted the final Yosemite Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Plan on July 15, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Department of Water Resources has issued a 2014 IRWM Drought Grant Solicitation pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resources Code Section 75001 *et seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, Mariposa County desires to submit a grant application to the Department of Water Resources in response to the 2014 IRWM Drought Grant Solicitation and enter into an agreement to receive a grant Addressing Drought through IRWM Projects in the Yosemite-Mariposa Region;


**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa does hereby approve the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation Grant Application, and hereby authorizes the Public Works Director to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application and execute a grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources.

**ON MOTION BY** Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Carrier, this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014 by the following vote:


AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier  
NOES: None  
EXCUSED: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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Kevin Cann, Chair  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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René LaRoche  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Steven W. Dahlem  
County Counsel