

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Environmental Health Services

Date: **DEC 28 2001**  
Hearing Date: **JAN 15 2002**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Brian J. Zamora, Director, Public Health and Environmental Protection Division  
SUBJECT: **Transfer Contractor Status for a Proposition 13 Coastal Nonpoint Source Program Grant to the City of Pacifica**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution transferring Prime Contractor Status for a Proposition 13 Coastal Nonpoint Source Program Grant to the City of Pacifica.

Background

Environmental Health staff have been sampling beaches and creeks throughout San Mateo County for decades. San Pedro Creek and Pacifica State Beach have consistently exceeded State and County limits for bacteria counts. While the source of contamination does not appear to be directly related to sewage, studies have shown that people who swim in waters with high bacteria counts were far more likely to become ill. Environmental Health staff have been working closely with the San Pedro Creek Coalition and the City of Pacifica to reduce the level of bacteria in San Pedro Creek. On July 27, 2001, Governor Gray Davis signed the Budget Act of 2001 providing for Proposition 13 funding for Clean Beaches Initiative (CBI) Projects. The major goal of the CBI is to reduce health risks and increase the public's access to clean beaches. Environmental Health applied and was approved for two projects, one of which is located in the City of Pacifica and focuses on San Pedro Creek.

Discussion

The State Legislature approved \$500,000 of the Proposition 13 funding for San Mateo County to divert portions of Pacifica's urban storm water, which usually has very high bacteria counts, away from San Pedro Creek. In conjunction with the Director of Public Works for the City of Pacifica, a plan to divert the storm water from the northern part of Linda Mar away from the creek to an artificial wetland has been developed. This wetland would only drain to the ocean during high rainfall events. By removing a substantial amount of the urban runoff from the creek, this diversion will lower the bacteria concentrations of creek and ocean waters. The City of Pacifica is in a position to more efficiently use the funds to address the high level of bacteria. The State Water Resources Control Board allows for transfer of contractor status to local cities under Proposition 13 grant funding.

Term and Fiscal Impact

The contract term will be determined by the City of Pacifica and the State of California. There is no net county cost.

RECOMMENDED

Charlene A. Silva  
HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING  
CONTRATOR STATUS FOR A PROPOSITION 13  
COASTAL NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM  
GRANT TO THE CITY OF PACIFICA**

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RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors was awarded a Proposition 13 Coastal Nonpoint Source Program grant authorized by the Budget Act of 2001 (SB 739) for the San Pedro Creek Storm Drain Treatment/Diversion Project; and

WHEREAS, it is timely now to execute a project agreement for the performance of the work; and

WHEREAS, the project emphasis, including project management and fiscal management, is more appropriately within the auspices of the City of Pacifica.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to relinquish contractor status with the State of California for the Proposition 13 grant for the San Pedro Creek Storm Drain Treatment/Diversion Project and authorizes transfer of grant contractor status, including all obligations and assurances, to the Pacifica City Council.