

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0062**

APPROVE PROPOSITION 1 DRINKING WATER GRANT FUNDING TO THE CHIRIACO SUMMIT WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT) FOR THE CHIRIACO SUMMIT WATER DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT), DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROJECT NO. 3301115-001C

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the “Policy for Implementing the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund” (DWSRF Policy) on October 21, 2014;
2. Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Assembly Bill 1471, Rendon) allocated \$260 million for drinking water grants and loans for public water system infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet safe drinking water standards, to ensure affordable drinking water, or both (Proposition 1 Drinking Water);
3. Proposition 1 Drinking Water funding is generally administered according to the “State of California Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 Intended Use Plan” (IUP), which is updated and adopted by the State Water Board annually, and the DWSRF Policy in accordance with federal and state law;
4. On June 20, 2017, the State Water Board adopted the DWSRF IUP for the 2017-2018 State Fiscal Year (SFY) (2017-2018 IUP), which sets forth the plan for how funds will be used within the 2017-2018 SFY and refines funding criteria set forth in the DWSRF Policy for the coming year;
5. The District has submitted a complete construction application for funding for the Project;
6. The requested financing incorporates the estimated costs required to address the aging infrastructure as well as the storage and security issues being experienced at the District’s water treatment plant;
7. Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff have completed technical, financial, and environmental reviews that support the project cost;
8. The Project is considered non-routine because it exceeds the maximum cost per connection threshold of \$30,000 in the 2017-2018 DWSRF IUP for a construction project. The Project is approximately \$92,606 per service connection;
9. The District is the Lead Agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Addendum, titled Chiriaco Summit Water District Water System Improvements Project, which was circulated through the State Clearinghouse (No. 2001011027) for review and comment;

10. The District adopted the MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on February 15, 2001. Moreover, the District adopted the Addendum on January 17, 2017;
11. The District filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the County of Riverside County Clerk's office on February 21, 2001 and the Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse on April 5, 2001;
12. The State Water Board is a Responsible Agency under CEQA. A Responsible agency complies with CEQA by considering the MND prepared by the Lead Agency and by reaching its own conclusions on whether and how to approve the Project involved. The State Water Board has independently considered the MND, the MMRP, and Addendum;
13. State Water Board staff will file a NOD with the Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse following funding approval of the Project;
14. The mitigation measures incorporated into the Project are adequate to reduce the environmental impacts of the Project to less-than significant levels as described in the final MND;
15. The Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts; and
16. Adequate public participation has been provided through the CEQA review process for the Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the DFA to enter into an agreement with the District to provide a Proposition 1 Drinking Water grant of \$2,963,400, and the Deputy Director of the DFA may increase this amount by up to 10% for good cause. The Deputy Director of the DFA shall also condition funding on any conditions deemed necessary to comply with the DWSRF Policy, the 2017-2018 DWSRF IUP, and other applicable state and federal law requirements.
2. Conditions this approval with the following environmental conditions:
 - The District shall implement the Mitigation Measures identified in the MMRP, in Appendix A of the MND, titled "Mitigation Monitoring Program," dated January 2001 (SCH No. 2001011027) prepared for the Project, and in the *"Focused Survey for the Agassiz's Desert Tortoise, Habitat Evaluation for Burrowing Owl, and General Biological Resource Assessment for Chiriaco Summit, Riverside County, California"* dated September 2016.

- If archaeological features or materials are unearthed during any phase of project activities, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find shall halt until District has contacted the State Water Board and the significance of the resource has been evaluated. Any mitigation measures that may be deemed necessary must have the approval of the State, and shall be implemented, pursuant to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 48 Fed.Reg. 44716 (September 29, 1983), by a qualified archaeologist representing the District prior to the resumption of construction activities.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on October 17, 2017.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Vice Chair Steven Moore
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Joaquin Esquivel

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board