

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2007
Prepared on April 6, 2007

ITEM NUMBER: 25

**SUBJECT: AMENDED - 2007- 2008 State Revolving Fund Loan Program
Priority List**

SUMMARY

The Board approved the Central Coast State Revolving Fund (SRF) Priority List at the March 23, 2007 meeting. In early April 2007, Sunnyslope County Water District, which serves communities near Hollister, San Benito County, requested it be added to the list. Therefore, Water Board staff proposes the amendment of the approved Central Coast SRF Priority List (Attachment 1) with the addition of the Sunnyslope County Water District application.

Additions:

The Sunnyslope County Water District proposes to combine wastewater flow from the Ridgemark I and Ridgemark II wastewater treatment plants and upgrade their treatment facilities. The proposed upgrades are composed of several elements, including a sequencing batch reactor process, Ridgemark II transfer pump station, and headworks, and solids handling facilities to meet the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR), Order No. R3-2004-0065. Phased effluent limitations for salt constituents, nutrients, biological oxygen demand, total suspended solids, and pH take effect January 30, 2008, and January 30, 2010. Existing effluent water quality data suggest the SSCWD will not meet the January 2008 effluent limitations for total dissolved solids (TDS), sodium, chloride, ammonia, and TSS. The project will also include recycled water treatment facilities (cloth media filtration, ultraviolet disinfection, and pump stations) and distribution infrastructure to increase disposal capacity by providing recycled water to the Ridgemark Golf Course during the dry weather season. Staff strongly supports SRF funding for this project.

DISCUSSION BACKGROUND

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act or CWA), as amended in 1987, establishes a SRF loan program. The purpose of the SRF loan program is to implement the CWA and various state laws by providing low-interest loan funding for construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities, local sewers, sewer interceptors, water reclamation facilities, as well as expanded use projects such as implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) projects or programs, development and implementation of estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans, and storm water treatment.

In California, the State Water Board administers the SRF program. Part of the SRF program entails maintaining, and annually updating, a list of projects that have requested funding. To update the list, the State Water Board seeks input from the Regional Water Boards. For our

Region, staff, along with the applicants, reviewed the 2006 priority list and deleted projects that no longer need SRF loans. The SSCWD project is the only addition proposed on the priority list.

The Regional Water Boards receive SRF requests, compile non-prioritized lists, and recommend the lists to the State Water Board. Staff recommends that all Central Coast SRF applicants be placed on the State Water Board's *2007/2008 SRF Priority List* as amended.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Water Board forward the attached *Amended - 2007/2008 SRF Priority List* to the State Board as final for the 2007/2008 year.

ATTACHMENT

AMENDED - Central Coast Water Board FY 2007/2008 SRF Priority List

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