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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 14, 2013

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Application For Clean Beaches Initiative Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara, Authorizing the Public Works Director to Submit a Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Application in an Amount Not to Exceed \$675,000, and Execute an Agreement with the California State Water Resources Control Board Grant Program.

DISCUSSION:

The Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program was initiated by the State Water Resources Control Board to provide funding for projects that promote water quality and environmental protection of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near-shore waters. In particular, 38 California beaches have been identified as Priority Beaches for grant projects, including East Beach at Mission Creek, Leadbetter Beach, and Arroyo Burro Beach.

The Public Works Department is conducting the Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Project (Project) in the Laguna Watershed. The Project consists of rehabilitating wastewater pipeline to prevent possible pipe leakage from collection system pipes which could filter through soils and enter storm drain pipes. Cured-in-place resin or plastic liner will be used to line the pipes. Sewer pipes that cross directly above a storm drain pipe, or are within five meters and above a storm drain pipe, are designated for rehabilitation or repair. Adoption of a resolution authorizing application for the grant is a required part of the grant application.

Staff anticipates applying for a grant award amount of \$675,000. If awarded, the City is required to provide a 75% funding match for the Project consisting of capital costs for design and construction. This amounts to \$2,700,000. The grant will offset costs for project work that is currently in design. Adequate funding is available in the Wastewater Fund.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The Project will identify and rehabilitate wastewater lines that have the potential to leak. Lining these pipes will proactively eliminate the opportunity for leakage that could reach storm drains and subsequently Santa Barbara's beaches.

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