COUNTY OF GLENN
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2013
Submitting Department(s): Board of Supervisors
Contact: Leigh McDaniel
Phone: 934-6400

BRIEF SUBJECT/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:
In order for projects submitted by Glenn County to be included in the Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (NSV IRWM) Plan, a letter of support must be received by the NSV IRWM Governing Board by November 22, 2013. This is a revision to a Letter of Support that was approved by the Board of Supervisors July 16, 2013.

AGENDA PLACEMENT

APPOINTMENT – Appearances by: (Specify Name & Title)
Leigh McDaniel

Required 5 Minutes

ATTACHMENTS

X Board Report
X Letter
X Minute Order
☐ Contract
☐ Transfer
☐ Grant App.

LEGAL/PERSOENNEL/FISCAL

☐ County Counsel
☐ Personnel
☐ Finance
☐ County Administrative Office

CLERK INSTRUCTIONS

X Return Minute Order to Department of Agriculture
☐ Return Certified Copy Of:

☐ Other:

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Public Hearings:
☐ Published
☐ Affidavit on File w/Clerk
☐ Affected Parties Notified

Committees:
☐ Vacancy Posted
☐ Application

LEGISLATION

☐ State
☐ Federal

Bill:
☐ Latest Version of Bill
☐ Draft Letter Attached
☐ List of Supporters/Opposers
☐ Statement of Relevance to County Interests
☐ Description Attached

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT

☐ General Fund Impact
☐ Other: ______
☐ Budgeted
☐ Transfer Attached
☐ 4/5ths Vote Required
☐ Contingency Request

CONTRACTS, LEASES & AGREEMENTS

☐ New
☐ Renewal
☐ Amendment
☐ Insurance Certificate
☐ Contract Report

Date of Original Contract:
Contract No.:
Fiscal Year:

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors sign the attached revised Letter of Support to approve the proposed projects for submittal and inclusion in the NSV IRWM Plan.

Reviewed By (if applicable):

Personnel Director

Department of Finance

cc:

County Administrative Officer
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (NSV IRWM) Plan (Plan) Governing Board agreed to include our proposed projects in the Draft Plan. Each organization agreed to submit a letter of support to the NSV IRWM Governing Board for inclusion of submitted projects in the Plan. In order for our projects to be included in the NSV IRWM Plan, a letter of support must be received by the NSV IRWM Governing Board by November 22, 2013. This is a revision to a Letter of Support that was approved by the Board of Supervisors July 16, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION(S):
It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors sign the attached revised Letter of Support to approve the proposed projects for submittal and inclusion in the NSV IRWM Plan.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:
In May 2010, the Board of Supervisors authorized staff to work in cooperation with other counties in the region to pursue funding for a Prop. 84 IRWM Planning grant. With the award of the Planning grant, projects and programs were solicited from regional stakeholders for inclusion in the Plan. Projects submitted for inclusion requires a letter of support from their organization. The letter of support requires support of the projects and support of the adoption of the IRWM Plan. The original letter approved by the Board on July 16, 2013 did not include a specific statement supporting the adoption of the IRWM Plan.

FISCAL/PERSOENNEL IMPACT(S):
None

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:
The IRWM Plan is a collaborative effort to enhance coordination of the water resources in a region. IRWM involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, tribes, individuals and groups to address water-related issues and offer solutions which can provide multiple benefits to the region. This information was used to develop goals and objectives of the IRWM Plan, and the identification of projects and programs to be included in the Plan. When it is adopted, the Plan will better position the region and local partners to receive funding for high-priority projects.
November 19, 2013

Northern Sacramento Valley
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Governing Board
C/o Monique Day, West Yost Associates
2020 Research Park Drive, Suite 100, Davis, CA 95618

Dear Ms. Day,

The Glenn County Board of Supervisors (BOS) supports the development of the Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (NSV IRWM) Plan and applauds the efforts of its Governing Board and their role in the development of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM). The BOS hopes to support the adoption of the final Plan and plans to do so after review of the final draft provided certain issues are addressed. While governance and financing are included in the Plan, the BOS strongly suggests the Department of Water Resources and the IRWM Governing Board focus on the development of a long term strategy to fund the continued maintenance and coordination efforts of the NSV IRWM Plan. The California Water Plan and its IRWM vision will only be successful through a state funding approach to maintain all regional Plans. If this issue isn’t addressed, the IRWM Plan may well become just another grant funding program. We believe the IRWM Plan and the coordination of water activity in the region is crucial to water management of the NSV Region. Without continued funding however, financially stressed regions may be compelled not to participate in these efforts.

It should also be noted staff from Glenn County has submitted projects to be included in the Plan. There are projects that have been ranked and there are projects that have been recommended to be tracked. The ranked projects specific to Glenn County are:
- Program of Modeling & Monitoring in Support of Groundwater Management
- In-lieu Recharge in North-Eastern Glenn County

The projects proposed to be tracked are:
- Investigate Opportunities for Utilizing Available but Unused Water Supplies in the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Service Area
- Investigate the Opportunities for Expanded Agricultural Production in the Foothills Along the West Side of Glenn County
- Orland Project Acquisition by Orland Unit Water Users Association (OUWUA)
- Hamilton City Flood Damage and Ecosystem Restoration Project (J Levee)

Furthermore, County Staff has played a role in supporting the tracking of the North-of-the-Delta Off-Stream Storage (NODOS) Investigation, as a member of the Sites Joint Powers Authority.

It is the desire of the BOS to support our submitted projects. The BOS believes the projects recommended will provide for water management integration that delivers the most benefit to the NSV Region.

Thank You,

GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John K. Viegas, Chairman