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Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: David Morrison, Interim County Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Funding Agreement with California Department of Water Resources

RECOMMENDATION

Interim County Executive Officer requests adoption of a Resolution and approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Agreement No. 230422B with California Department of Water Resources (DWR), for the County to receive \$9 million for multiple local infrastructure projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of the resolution and approval of this agreement will allow the County to receive state monies for multiple local infrastructure projects. The projects include water infrastructure (LBRID and City of St. Helena), wildfire related needs (County Roads and Napa Communities Firewise Foundation), and support to Napa Valley Boys & Girls Club. The monies will advance all projects to timely completion.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | General Fund Central Services Community Grants (\$4M), Roads Fund (\$2M), CIP Fund (\$2M), and Fire Fund (\$1M) |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | State assistance for high-priority projects |
| Is the general fund affected? | No |
| Future fiscal impact: | None |
| Consequences if not approved: | The projects will await further funding. |
| County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: | Effective and Open Government |

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The State appropriated \$9 million in its fiscal year 2022-23 budget for various projects in Napa County. DWR is tasked with processing the funds and have proposed the attached funding agreement. The document identifies the five projects that will advance with this assistance. The state funds are not enough to pay for all of the projects; the benefitting agencies will need to contribute additional funds to complete them. The project budgets and additional funds needed to complete them are shown in Exhibit B to the Agreement. The monies will be received this fiscal year and projects will be completed before June 30, 2026. The five projects are:

1. Drought Emergency & Water Supply Sustainability: Replace an obsolete and deteriorating water infrastructure for Pope Valley, a rural community of 475 people, to (a) meet the daily needs for potable water, (b) improve the health and safety of the community, and (c) provide adequate flow/pressure for fire suppression.
2. Improve Major Emergency Evacuation Routes from Rural Communities; Repair/Repave Howell Mountain Road and Pope Valley Road: Repair and repave major evacuation routes that serve the communities of Deer Park, Angwin, Pope Valley, and Berryessa Estates, including the following components: a) Repair/Repave Howell Mountain Rd. from its intersection with Deer Park/White Cottage Rds. to its terminus at Pope Valley, and b) Repair/Repave Pope Valley Rd. from its intersection with Howell Mountain Rd. to Aetna Springs Rd.
3. Rutherford Pipeline and Pump Station Improvements Design: Prepare a list of proposed options/scenarios and make recommendations for approval and design of proposed improvements to the 12-inch diameter approximately 20,000 feet long steel Rutherford pipeline, pump station and associated infrastructure that conveys domestic water from the City's turnout on the City of Napa (City) Conn Transmission Main to the City's main distribution system.
4. Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley American Canyon Clubhouse Construction Loan Payoff.
5. The Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (Firewise) Capacity Building and Infrastructure: This project consists of: a) recruit, hire and train staff to build capacity in key functional leadership and delivery areas needed by Firewise to service Napa County communities' wildfire defense, including but not limited to roadside clearing for resident and firefighter safety; b) mapping and creation and maintenance of shaded fuel breaks along strategic dozer lines and access roads; c) expand community building and communication efforts across the Fire Safe Councils in the County.

