

Council Agenda Report

City Council Meeting 02-13-23

Item
3.B.6.

To: Mayor Silverstein and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Robert DuBoux, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Approved by: Steve McClary, City Manager

Date prepared: January 23, 2023 Meeting date: February 13, 2023

Subject: <u>Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant</u>

<u>RECOMMENDED ACTION</u>: Adopt Resolution No. 23-06 approving the adoption of the 2017 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT</u>: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action: however, adoption of the Plan will provide the City opportunities to obtain grant funding through the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWM Program).

Additionally, the City is actively pursuing an IRWM grant for the City's Civic Center Water Treatment Facility, Phase Two.

<u>WORK PLAN:</u> This item was included as Item #5a listed in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-20223.

<u>DISCUSSION:</u> The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the IRWM Program to encourage integrated, regional strategies for managing water resources and providing funding for both planning and implementation of projects. The DWR recognizes the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) as an official region. The City is currently a member of the North Santa Monica Bay sub-region of the GLAC.

The GLAC IRWM Management Group has prepared the 2017 Updated Greater Los Angeles County IRWM Plan (Plan), which will help with planning and implementation of regional projects and programs across jurisdictional boundaries that address water resource management issues, including recycled water, stormwater capture, water use efficiency, and many others. The updated plan has a greater emphasis on drought response, low impact development, carbon management and sustainable communities, all of which are very important to Malibu.

The GLAC IRWM administers grants and funds for projects that meet its goals. Current grant guidelines requires the governing bodies seeking to apply for grants to adopt a resolution approving the updated GLAC IRWM Plan. Adopting Resolution No. 23-06 will enable to the City to apply for future funding under various grant programs.

Staff has identified a potential grant from State Department of Water Resources (DWR). The DWR is administering the Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant with a total \$192 million in grant funds. Approximately \$40.7 million is reserved for those projects in Los Angeles County. Any potential grant amount would be dependent upon the number of projects submitted from Los Angeles County. Eligible projects include water recycling for non-potable reuse and projects that improve water quality including wastewater and recycled water projects.

On September 27, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-40 authorizing the City to prepare and submit a grant application for Proposition 1, Round 2, IRWM program.

In October 2022, the City submitted a grant application for the CCWTF Phase Two to the GLAC IRWM Management Leadership Committee. The Committee reviewed the project and has recommended a \$500,000 grant to be awarded to the City. The project will then be forwarded to the DWR for final application approval. The final project application and any supporting documents will need to be submitted the DWR. This includes the submittal of a resolution adopting the 2017 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. 23-06.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 23-06

RESOLUTION NO. 23-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 UPDATED GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGMENET PLAN

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

- A. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) and agencies in the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) are have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single purpose efforts and now regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues, including local and imported water supplies, sanitation and recycled water, stormwater management, groundwater management, water use efficiency, habitat and open space management, and many others.
- B. The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated, regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water and many other objectives.
- C. The IRWM Program requires that a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) be formed to establish an IRWM Region and the organizations participating in the IRWM Program join together to form IRWM Regions.
- D. The IRWM Region serving the GLAC is known as the GLAC IRWM and engages in regional water resources planning for the GLAC area and DWR recognizes the GLAC IRWM as an official IRWM Region.
- E. The City of Malibu is a voting member of the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM and serves on the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds Steering Committee for the RWMG.
- F. The DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 1 (2022 Guidelines) and the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM is responsible for the preparation and adoption of the IRWM Plan.
- G. The 2022 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan.
- H. The adoption of the 2017 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan will enable participants in the GLAC IRWM, including Malibu to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs.
- SECTION 2. The City Council approves the adoption of the 2017 Update GLAC IRWM Plan.

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SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED thisth day of 2023.
BRUCE SILVERSTEIN, Mayor
ATTEST:
KELSEY PETTIJOHN, City Clerk (seal)
APPROVED AS TO FORM: THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TREVOR RUSIN, Interim City Attorney