# FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

## WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 2168 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: General Manager-Chief Engineer

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the Funding Agreement for Support for the Implementation and Administration of the Watershed Programs for Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and San Jacinto River; 3 years; 1st/3rd/5th Districts; [\$60,000 total]; District funds 100%

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the Funding Agreement between the District and the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watershed Authority ("LESJWA"); and
- 2. Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Summary** 

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General Manager-Chief Engineer

NA:	FINANCIAL DATA	Curre	ent Fiscal Year:	Next	Fiscal Year:	Tot	al Cost:		On	igoing Cost:		(CONSENT (ec. Office)
7	COST	\$	20,000	\$	20,000	\$		60,000	\$	N/A	Consent [	□ Policy □
	NET DISTRICT COST	\$	20,000	\$	20,000	\$		60,000	\$	N/A	Consent	
	SOURCE OF FUNDS: Continued on page 2								Budget Adjustment: NO			
										For Fiscal Year	: 14/	15-16/17

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

**County Executive Office Signature** 

Steven C. Horn

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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		Prev. Agn. Ref.:	District: 1,3,5 Agenda Number:

# SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FORM 11: Approval of the Funding Agreement for Support for the Implementation and Administration

of the Watershed Programs for Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and San Jacinto River; 3 years;

1st/3rd/5th Districts; [\$60,000 total]; District funds 100%

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### **BACKGROUND:**

### Summary (continued)

This Agreement is necessary for the District to contribute funds to support the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watershed Authority's implementation and administration of the watershed programs to facilitate water quality improvements in Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and their tributary watersheds.

The Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watershed Authority (LESJWA) is a Joint Powers Authority whose mission is to improve water quality and wildlife habitats in Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and the surrounding San Jacinto watershed.

The Santa Ana Region National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requires Permittees, including the District, County of Riverside and Cities of Beaumont, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto and Wildomar (known collectively as MS4 PERMITTEES), to take actions to reduce their contributions to the impairments of Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore.

This Agreement allows the District, as the principal NPDES MS4 Permittee, to partner with LESJWA to: (i) satisfy the NPDES MS4 permit requirements by facilitating LESJWA's cost-effective administration of watershed management activities that promote water quality improvements, and (ii) reduce compliance and coordination costs for the NPDES MS4 Permittees through cost effective programs and the pursuit of state and federal grants.

County Counsel has approved this Agreement as to legal form.

### Impact on Residents and Businesses

The regulatory requirements imposed on residents, businesses and local government by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and State of California through the NPDES MS4 program continue to escalate. The watershed programs implemented by LESJWA, in partnership with other local agencies, are designed to identify the most cost-effective path to beneficial use restoration for Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake. This agreement will allow the District, as the principal NPDES MS4 Permittee, to partner with LESJWA in developing the most cost-efficient compliance programs that will reduce regulatory burdens for residents and businesses within areas that drain to Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore.

### SUPPLEMENTAL:

### Additional Fiscal Information

Costs incurred under this Agreement will be funded by the District's annual NPDES Benefit Assessments levied in the Santa Ana Benefit Assessment Area. Sufficient funding is available in the District's budget for FY 2014-15 and will be included in the proposed budget(s) for FYs 2015-16 and 2016-17, as appropriate.

### **SOURCE OF FUNDS: (continued)**

25190 947560 527240 NPDES Santa Ana Benefit Assessment - NPDES Contributions

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Funding Agreement

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### **FUNDING AGREEMENT**

Support for the Implementation and Administration of the Watershed Programs for Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake FY 2014/15 – 2016/17

The RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter called "DISTRICT", and the LAKE ELSINORE AND SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY, hereinafter called "LESJWA", hereby agree as follows:

### **RECITALS**

A. In 1998, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board designated Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake in the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds as "impaired water bodies" pursuant to Section 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act because of high levels of phosphorus and nitrogen in both lakes and low dissolved oxygen in Lake Elsinore; and

B. LESJWA, a joint powers authority, was formed in April 2000 for the purpose of implementing projects and programs to improve water quality and wildlife habitats in Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and the surrounding San Jacinto watershed. LESJWA'S member agencies include the City of Lake Elsinore, the City of Canyon Lake, the County of Riverside, the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. LESJWA was entrusted with fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in Proposition 13 voter authorized state and local funding to improve water quality and wildlife habitats in Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and the surrounding San Jacinto watershed. LESJWA activities are also supported by member agency contributions, state grant funds and partnerships with other local agencies with common purpose; and

C. The Santa Ana Region National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit ("MS4 PERMIT") for Riverside

County requires DISTRICT, County of Riverside and the Cities of Beaumont, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto and Wildomar (known collectively as "MS4 PERMITTEES") to take actions to reduce their contributions to the impairments of Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore; and

- D. DISTRICT serves as the principal NPDES MS4 PERMITTEE for the Santa Ana Region of Riverside County; and
- E. LESJWA'S programs include (i) facilitating the development of regional treatment options for Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake, (ii) administering regional projects such as the alum treatment project, (iii) coordinating a regional task force and workshops that focus on Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake and (iv) interfacing with communities, cities, water districts and county agencies that operate within the San Jacinto watershed to facilitate water quality improvements in Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake. These LESJWA programs address NPDES MS4 PERMIT requirements for Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore; and
- F. DISTRICT, in accordance with its responsibilities as the principal NPDES MS4 PERMITTEE, desires to support LESJWA'S continue implementation and administration of these programs to improve water quality in Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and the surrounding San Jacinto watershed on behalf of the MS4 PERMITTEES by contributing twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per Fiscal Year (from July 1 to June 30) for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 through Fiscal Year 2016/2017 with a further cap of not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the entire term of this Agreement; and
- G. DISTRICT and LESJWA desire to enter into this Funding Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which DISTRICT will contribute funding towards LESJWA'S watershed protection programs to improve water quality in Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and the surrounding San Jacinto watershed.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the preceding recitals and the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

### SECTION I

### LESJWA shall:

- Prepare annual invoice(s) in duplicate and submit to DISTRICT 1. (Attention: Accounts Payable with duplicate copy to the Chief of Watershed Protection Division) no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of each Fiscal Year. The invoice amount shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for each Fiscal Year that this Agreement remains in effect. All invoices shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: a reference to the name of this Agreement ("Funding Agreement – Support for the Implementation and Administration of the NPDES MS4 Watershed Programs for Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake"), current Fiscal Year, invoice number and date, invoice amount and remittance address, as appropriate.
- Use DISTRICT funds solely for LESJWA'S implementation and administration of watershed protection programs which include: (i) facilitating the planning, design, development and implementation of projects to improve the water quality of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and the surrounding San Jacinto River Watershed; (ii) administering regional water quality improvement projects for the same; (iii) developing and administering educational outreach programs for governmental and community representatives within the San Jacinto River Watershed as necessary to promote watershed protection projects and awareness; (iv) pursuing and administering grants on behalf of watershed stakeholders for watershed protection projects; and (v) other related administrative expenses incurred by LESJWA in support of the aforementioned programs.
- Retain employee and expense records according to customary accounting 3. methods for a period of five (5) years following the execution of this Agreement and such

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records shall, upon request, be made available for inspection by DISTRICT to verify LESJWA'S invoices.

4. Make all work products produced under this Agreement available to DISTRICT for DISTRICT'S use.

### **SECTION II**

### DISTRICT shall:

1. Pay LESJWA, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of an appropriate invoice as set forth in Section I.1. DISTRICT'S financial contribution to LESJWA shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per Fiscal Year for Fiscal Years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17. Furthermore, DISTRICT'S total financial contribution shall not exceed a total sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) over the entire term of this Agreement.

### **SECTION III**

It is further mutually agreed:

- 1. DISTRICT'S financial contribution to LESJWA shall not exceed a total sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) over the entire term of this Agreement.
- 2. DISTRICT'S financial contribution shall be used by LESJWA towards the purpose of developing, implementing and administering watershed protection programs described in Section I.2.
- 3. LESJWA shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless DISTRICT and County of Riverside (including their respective officers, districts, special districts and departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, representatives, independent contractors and subcontractors) from any liabilities, claim, damage, proceeding or action, present or future, based upon, arising out of or in any way relating to LESJWA'S (including its officers, employees, agents,

representatives, contractors and subcontractors) actual or alleged acts or omissions related to this Agreement, performance under this Agreement or failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement, including but not limited to: (i) property damage; (ii) bodily injury or death; (iii) payment of attorney's fees; or (iv) any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever. This section shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

- 4. In the event of any arbitration, action or suit brought by DISTRICT or LESJWA against the other party by reason of any breach on the part of the other party of any of the covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement, or any other dispute between DISTRICT or LESJWA concerning this Agreement, the prevailing party in any such action or dispute by a final judgment or arbitration award shall be entitled to have and recover from the other party all costs and expenses or claims, including but not limited to, attorney's fees and expert witness fees. This section shall survive any termination of this Agreement.
- 5. Under the provisions of this Agreement, DISTRICT shall bear no responsibility whatsoever for the work conducted by LESJWA.
- 6. This Agreement is made and entered into for the sole protection and benefit of the parties hereto. No other person or entity shall have any right or action based upon the provisions of this Agreement.
- 7. This Agreement is the result of negotiations between the parties hereto, and the advice and assistance of their respective counsel. The fact that this Agreement was prepared as a matter of convenience by DISTRICT shall have no import or significance. Any uncertainty or ambiguity in this Agreement shall not be construed against DISTRICT because DISTRICT prepared this Agreement in its final form.
- 8. The obligation(s) of DISTRICT under this Agreement are limited by and contingent upon the availability of DISTRICT funds. In the event that such funds are not

forthcoming for any reason, DISTRICT shall immediately notify LESJWA in writing. Upon LESJWA'S receipt of DISTRICT'S notification, this Agreement shall remain in force and effect through the remainder of that Fiscal Year, but shall be deemed terminated and have no further force or effect thereafter.

9. Any notices sent or required to be sent to either party shall be mailed to the following addresses:

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1995 Market Street Riverside, CA 92501 LAKE ELSINORE AND SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY 11615 Sterling Avenue Riverside, CA 92503-4979 Attn: Mark Norton

Attn: Watershed Protection Division

- 10. This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- 11. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be declared severable and shall be given full force and effect to the extent possible.
- 12. Any action at law or in equity brought by any of the parties hereto for the purpose of enforcing a right or rights provided for by the Agreement shall be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Riverside, State of California, and the parties hereto waive all provisions of law providing for change of venue in such proceedings to any other county.
- 13. Neither this Agreement nor any part thereof shall be assigned by LESJWA without the prior written consent of DISTRICT.
- 14. Any waiver by DISTRICT or LESJWA of any breach by the other of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term hereof. Failure on the part of

DISTRICT or LESJWA to require from the other exact, full and complete compliance with any terms of the Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms hereof, or estopping DISTRICT or LESJWA from enforcement hereof.

15. This Agreement is intended by the parties hereto as their final expression with respect to the matters herein, and is a complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions thereof. This Agreement may be changed or modified only upon the written consent of the parties hereto.

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6	6 By: WARREN D. WILLIAMS By:	MARION ASHLEY, Chairman				
7	General Manager-Chief Engineer	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors				
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