

TO: IRWM Regional Water Management Group  
FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer  
DATE: February 25, 2020  
SUBJECT: Item #4: Stormwater Resources Plan Update

### **Recommended Actions**

1. Consider incorporating the San Luis Obispo County Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP) into the 2019 IRWM Plan as Appendix I upon concurrence from the State Water Resources Control Board.
2. Consider forming an RWMG Working Group to implement the SWRP.
  - a) Any RWMG member can join the Working Group. At a minimum, the PMT has volunteered to start as the SWRP Working Group. This includes the County, Coastal San Luis RCD, Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD, City of Arroyo Grande and City of San Luis Obispo.

### **Background**

California Senate Bill No. 985 requires the development of a Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) for public agencies to receive grant funds for stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects. This includes IRWM grant funds.

The City of Arroyo Grande and the County of San Luis Obispo collaborated on the development of a region-wide SWRP. The SWRP must be compliant with the State Water Board's SWRP Guidelines adopted December 15, 2015 and the California Water Code Section 10561-10573. Costs associated with developing the SWRP were offset by planning grants (City of Arroyo Grande received a SWRCB planning grant and the County received a Prop 1 IRWM planning grant).

The goals of the County of San Luis Obispo SWRP are to identify and prioritize stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects in the County through detailed analyses of watershed conditions and processes, surface and groundwater resources, and the multiple benefits that can be achieved through stormwater-related capital projects and other programmatic actions.

A Project Management Team (PMT) was formed to oversee the development of the SWRP and consists of staff from the following agencies:

- City of Arroyo Grande
- City of San Luis Obispo
- County of San Luis Obispo
- Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District
- Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

The Water Code makes clear the final step for completion of an SWRP is incorporation by an RWMG into an IRWM Plan. *Upon development, [a Storm Water Resource Plan must] be submitted to*

*any applicable integrated regional water management group. Upon receipt, the Integrated Regional Water Management group shall incorporate the [Storm Water Resource Plan] into its integrated regional water management plan. (Wat. Code, § 10562, subd. (b)(7).)*

### **SWRP Update**

- On February 11, 2020, the PMT submitted the County of San Luis Obispo Stormwater Resource Plan to the County's IRWM Program for inclusion in the 2019 IRWM Plan.
- The February 20, 2020, the PMT reconciled all final SWRCB comments and was verbally notified that all requirements for concurrence have been met. A written letter confirming concurrence from the SWRCB is expected to be received by the County within the next 7-10 days.
- The City of San Luis Obispo also has also submitted a separate SWRP to the SWRCB and will continue to work with the SWRCB to reach concurrence. It is expected that the City will submit their plan to the IRWM Program and subsequently the RWMG at a later date.
- The SWRCB expects solicitation for Proposition 1- Implementation Round 2 grant funding is expected to open in end of March or early April 2020. Approximately \$90 million is available statewide.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the RWMG consider incorporating the San Luis Obispo County Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP) into the 2019 IRWM Plan as Appendix I upon concurrence from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Additionally, as described in the SWRP, staff recommends the RWMG consider forming a standing RWMG Working Group to implement the SWRP. Any RWMG member can join the Working Group. At a minimum, the PMT has volunteered to start as the SWRP Working Group. This includes the County, Coastal San Luis RCD, Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD, City of Arroyo Grande and City of San Luis Obispo.

### **Additional Information**

To review the SWRP and appendices, visit the County of San Luis Obispo's SWRP website and/or sign up for the mailing list at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/swrp).

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