

MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ALEX HINDS, DIRECTOR

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Marin County Board of Supervisors 3501 Civic Center Drive San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT:

Request by the Environmental Health Services Division of the Community Development Agency for authorization to apply for a grant from the State of California to develop an improved Beach Water Quality Monitoring test.

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Adopt the attached resolution.
- 2. Direct staff to proceed with a grant application.

SUMMARY: Recent research studies have revealed the existence of better beach water quality testing approaches than currently used in Marin County. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has invited the County of Marin to apply for a grant award of up to \$848,000 to fully cover the costs of developing a new, more accurate and rapid test better suited to determining water quality at our recreational swimming areas.

Under the Clean Beaches Initiative program, the SWRCB requires the County to adopt the resolution before they will prepare preliminary funding documents, which we will bring to your Board for review at a subsequent meeting.

Attachment 2 describes the scope of the project in more detail. Development of the testing methodology will be carried out by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's Ecology Division.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no net county cost. The cost of this project will be fully supported by the grant funds. No matching funds are required and no additional County staffing resources will be required.

REVIEWED BY:	[] Auditor-Controller [X] County Counsel	[X] N/A [] N/A
	[] Human Resources	[X] N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment 1: Resolution authorizing grant funding application

Attachment 2: Informational briefing document