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Community Water Fluoridation

Supporting Document

Overview:

In November 2007, the Commission allocated \$5.6 million towards fluoridation in San Diego and designated the City of San Diego to be the first water district to receive funding for capital and operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. In March 2008 The California Endowment (TCE) awarded the Commission a grant of an additional \$1 million for the purposes of community water fluoridation implementation. The City of San Diego completed construction and began implementation of fluoridation in February 2011. Of the original fund allocation of \$6.6M, there is a balance of \$1,848,422 remaining for community water fluoridation. Contingent upon approval for the Unexpended Funds (Item 7), and based on estimated costs, the funds available will cover fluoridation for two additional water districts.

The two key factors for consideration in selecting the next water districts to fluoridate are the water districts' willingness to continue fluoridating and the number of children ages 0-5 who would benefit.

Staff Recommendations:

- 1) Find that the proposed actions are consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood education within the County and provides a public benefit.
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director or her designee to work with the First 5 Fluoridation Coordinator (the California Dental Association), to initiate a contract with:
 - Olivenhain Municipal Water District for up to \$892,384, and
 - Sweetwater Authority water district for up to \$1,449,740This is a combined total of up to \$2,342,124 for fluoridation capital cost and 1-year operations and maintenance.
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director or her designee to extend the contract with the California Dental Association's contract to provide contract negotiation, technical support and construction oversight for the fluoridation contract and add dollars to the contract from the total fluoridation fund in the amount of:
 - Up to \$69,820 for the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, and
 - Up to \$188,226 for Sweetwater Authority water district

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$2,600,172 from funds designated for fluoridation in the FY 2011-12 Operating Budget.

**Executive
Director
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