

Resolution 2010-06
of the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (GSEAP) CRITERIA**

WHEREAS, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, established by the State Legislature in 1982, is charged with the preservation and management of groundwater resources within the areas or lands overlying the Fox Canyon aquifer for the common benefit of the public and all agricultural, municipal and industrial users;

WHEREAS, at the June 23, 2010 Board meeting, the Board adopted its Fiscal Year 2010-11 Workplan and Budget which established funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the Groundwater Supply Enhancement Assistance Program (GSEAP);

WHEREAS, GSEAP was created to facilitate and assist local water agencies with funds to promote groundwater supply enhancement projects;

WHEREAS, the Agency intends to work cooperatively with local water agencies, identify specific project needs, and potentially fund a component of an eligible water project that promotes increased groundwater supply within the FCGMA;

WHEREAS, Agency's Enabling Legislation states that: *"The Agency shall not involve itself in activities normally and historically undertaken by its member agencies, such as the construction and operation of dams, spreading grounds, pipelines, flood control facilities, and water distribution facilities, or the wholesale and retail sale of water, but shall limit its activities to planning, managing, controlling, preserving, and regulating the extraction and use of groundwater within the territory of the Agency"*; thus, the Agency itself is precluded from actually building and/or operating water supply projects;

WHEREAS, the Agency can assist in the following General Category/Types of Projects: Plan Development, Studies, Research, Data Collection, Monitoring, Environmental Review/CEQA, Permitting, Design, Public Outreach; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines and criteria contained within this Resolution are intended to create a level playing field for project proponents, with equitable and consistent criteria applicable to all interested in applying.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors adopts the following regarding GSEAP:

Program Guidelines

1. Each Project be completed within four years, with a potential one year extension with Board approval;
2. Each Project be funded up to a maximum of \$250,000 with \$1 to \$1 matching funds;

3. The total amount available for each Fiscal Year is \$500,000 (subject to funding or revision by the Board each year); and
4. Applications are due November 30th of each year for funds available in the following fiscal year (July 1st).

Application Submittal

1. Name of Applicant and Project;
2. Total Cost of Project, and amount of any Matching Funds;
3. Project Schedule;
4. Project Tasks and Milestones;
5. Institutional Capacity, Resources, and Staffing for the Project;
6. How a Proposal/Project meets the FCGMA's GSEAP criteria;
7. CEQA Compliance (if applicable); and
8. Any specific requests by staff.

General GSEAP Eligibility and Ranking Criteria

1. Consistent with Agency's Goal of Achieving Safe Yield, GMA's Groundwater Management Plan, and Meeting the Basin Management Objectives
2. Enhanced Water Supply and Quality, and/or Water Conservation Focus
3. Region-wide/Integrated Water Resource Benefit
4. Geographic Nexus to a Critical Overdrafted Area
5. Leveraging Value of Funds
6. Institutional Stability and Capacity to Complete Project

On motion of Director Craven, and seconded by Director Bennett, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted on this 22nd day of September 2010.



Lynn E. Maulhardt, Chair, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2010-06.

By: _____
Miranda Nobriga, Clerk of the Board