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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM:

Lori Vereker, Director of Utilities

SUBJECT: Authorization for Utilities Director to Submit Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council adopt Resolution 2011-30 allowing the Director of Utilities to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigation, and submit grant applications for Proposition 1E. It also authorizes the Utilities Director to enter into an agreement to receive Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management grants from the California Department of Water Resources.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The fiscal impact could be significant in reducing local funding necessary for large Utilities projects such as Wohlford Dam, water and recycled water infrastructure, and stormwater improvements. For example, the City could receive up to \$20M for the Wohlford Dam project.

BACKGROUND:

The State Department of Water Resources has several grant funding opportunities. They require that the City council authorize a representative from the city to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigation, and submit the grant applications for Proposition 84 Implementation and Proposition 1E. That same representative is then authorized to enter into an agreement to receive those grant funds if/when they are awarded. The authorization for the city representative must be made before the grant applications are submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori Vereker

Director of Utilities

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE UTILITIES DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION 1E IRWM STORMWATER FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Proposition 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resources Code Section 5096.800 et seq.), authorized the California Legislature to appropriate \$300 million to encourage integrated regional water management ("IRWM") planning in California; and

WHEREAS, Section 79560 of the California Water Code appropriated to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") funds for IRWM stormwater flood management grants and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, achieving IRWM grant funding will help to achieve the regional flood management goals established in the 2007 San Diego IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido is an active participant in the San Diego IRWM program as a voting member of the Regional Advisory Committee ("RAC") and ad-hoc Workgroups; and

WHEREAS, grant application procedures established by DWR require applicants to provide a copy of a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to file an application for an IRWM stormwater flood management grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

- 1. That the above recitations are true and correct.
- 2. That the Utilities Director is authorized to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, and file a Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management grant application.
- 3. The Utilities Director is authorized to enter into an agreement to receive a Proposition 1E Stormwater Flood Management grant from the California Department of Water Resources.